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Georges and State EMA director visits Elba

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Georges has come calling on Elba and Southeast Alabama, and although it has been downgraded from a category 2 Hurricane to a tropical storm, it is still making its presence known.

Since the unpredictable hurricane entered the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday, state, county and city officials have had their eyes on the storm and have been making contingency plans.

Elba residents have really not breathed a good breath since the flood in March of this year and Georges certainly did not make it any better.

Even as the hurricane made land-fall early Monday morning near the Mississippi-Alabama line, local residents kept a watchful eye on Georges knowing that any change of movement to the east would not be good.

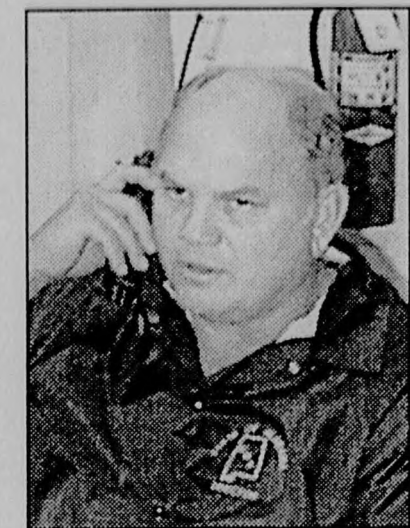
Our neighbors just to the south and west (Geneva and Covington counties), were already getting heavy rainfall and high velocity winds from the hurricane while Coffee County and Elba were getting little or no wind and rain. It was as though a curtain existed between Coffee, Geneva and Covington counties.

Sure enough the hurricane came ashore, stalled and, after being downgraded to a tropical storm, decided to head east instead of north and west.

Rain and wind began moving into Coffee County, and Elba, late Monday evening. The weather really deteriorated Monday night and early Tuesday morning and the rains became heavy, extremely heavy at

times, and Elba began to experience some flooding in low-lying areas of the city.

The Brookdale subdivision area



Director Lee Helms

and the residential sections on the Kinston highway seem to be the hardest hit. Local authorities were also keeping a watchful eye on the Mulberry Heights area where Beaver Dam Creek caused the levee to break in March. Heavy rains around mid-day Tuesday caused authorities some concern about two ponds located along AL 203 (bypass) near Beaver Dam Creek. The rising water in the ponds was beginning to run over the dam causing officials to call for the evacuation of residents near the ponds. At press time, the dams were still holding and the rain seemed to be slackening up.

Alabama's Emergency Management Director Lee Helms, accompanied by a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

official and a representative of the Alabama National Guard, was in Elba Tuesday afternoon to check with officials and "see if there was anything else needed in meeting the emergency response."

Coffee County Emergency Management Agency Director Charlie Webb told Helms that things were going pretty good; however, some assistance was needed in getting some additional pumps to be used should the need arise.

Webb told Helms that some "gator pumps" had been sent in by the Army Corps of Engineers but there were no power units to run them. That problem was alleviated before the AEMA director left town.

Helms also brought some good news to the local officials. He told them that Coffee County had been added by Governor Fob James to the emergency declaration made for counties and cities in the western portion of the state to the federal authorities.

This declaration covers two areas of public assistance: one - the immediate protective measures (emergency personnel's overtime, etc.) and two - debris clearance. Financial support will be provided through these measures.

While the state director was meeting with local officials, he took a call from FEMA Director James Lee Whitt. Helms told the director that the levee was in good shape at this time and that some minor problems were being dealt with at the present time. He also told Whitt that there was flooding throughout the county. Whitt told Helms that he would be in Alabama on Wednesday to view the problems caused by Georges first hand.

Commission approves water authority

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its regular scheduled bimonthly meeting Monday evening despite the "messy" weather. It was definitely a rainy night in Coffee County Alabama, and only the commissioners, members of the media and three "visitors" were present.

Most of the meeting time (just over an hour) was consumed with the bid opening process; however the commission did make one giant step in the improvement of the county's rural system.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion, based on the recently completed comprehensive engineering plan concerning the county's rural water systems, to move forward with the creation of a "Coffee County Water Authority."

Westbrook's motion was approved unanimously to start the legal process whereby the authority can be established.

All members of the commission were quick to point out that Coffee

County had several of the best rural water systems in the state but they all feel that much more can be done as a collective group or system. They feel that collectively the quality of water can be much improved as well as see that all residents of the county have the opportunity to be "hooked up to a water system."

In the past, water systems within the county have been in competition with one another for grants funding improvements to the systems.

In other business, the commissioners heard, and approved, a request by Commission Chairman Robert Stephens from the Coffee County Building Authority for assistance in "digging of the ditches" for the installation of the utility lines to the new Enterprise Courthouse. The county engineer was instructed to provide the engineering services for these projects.

Also commissioners agreed to allow the county maintenance department to connect the new facility's sewage line to the line serving the district attorney's office.

This will involve digging a ditch and installing approved 300 feet of sewage line.

Commissioners heard a request from Charlie Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, that the county fund the purchase and installation of signs marking private roads recently created by the E-911 mapping process.

Both Webb and County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that the mapping process had been completed and the "private roads" had been assigned designated numbers. The signs will be blue in color and consist of a four-digit number preceded by "PR."

Tindell estimated the cost of the signs to be between \$1,700 and \$1,800. The commission approved the purchase.

Chairman Stephens informed commissioners of a request from the Family Service Center for a budgeted amount of \$1,200. This was approved.

Another item of business brought to the attention of the commission

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ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH... Elba Mayor James E. Grimes has proclaimed October as Alpha Delta Kappa month in the City of Elba. ADK, an international sorority, works to provide educational excellence, altruism, and world-wide understanding. Currently, there are over 55,000 members in every state in the United States as well as Australia, Canada, Jamaica, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. During the month of October, Alpha Upsilon, the Coffee County Chapter of ADK will be doing altruistic activities including providing refreshments for fellow educators, volunteering at libraries and nursing homes in the name of ADK and contributing to the state altruistic fund, the Children's Hospital of Alabama. Pictured with Mayor Grimes are Janice McCall (left) and Sara Strong (right) from the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of ADK.



NO IT'S NOT A LAKE... It's Moore's Creek which was turned into a "small river" by heavy rains experienced in Elba Tuesday morning from Tropical Storm Georges - formerly Hurricane Georges. The picture is behind homes located on Pine Circle, the lower entrance to Brookdale Subdivision, looking toward the bridge on AL Hwy. 189 (Kinston Highway). Elba officials monitored this area along with other areas in the city Monday as heavy rains moved through the area rather slowly.

POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL PATRICK DISMISSED

Personnel board recommendation upheld

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening and the only storm was on the outside of the building. Like many other buildings in the mist of the present storm, Georges, the building was showing a few cracks in the seams, as water leaked through the roof in the city clerk's office.

Mayor James Grimes opened the meeting with a prayer, thanking God for sparing Elba from the ravages of the storm and asking Him to be with those who were in the path of the destructive weather.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported the department is investigating the burglary of two local businesses and arrangements were already in place to keep a close watch on the water situation, especially along Martin Luther King Drive, just outside the levee.

The council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance setting guidelines for the reserve police force. Mayor James Grimes explained this was worked up by City Attorney Jeff Kelley and the police chief. The guidelines are to keep the reserve officers working in the guidelines set by state laws and liability insurance company guidelines.

A recommended budget for the coming year had been passed at the last council meeting for member to review. Grimes noted there had been no recommendations for changes and asked for a motion of approval. The vote to adopt the new budget was unanimous.

Grimes also reported on the status

of a request for two acres of land in the industrial park, across from the airport. He said the prospect wanted the last remaining highway frontage, rather than the site, back in the park, recommended by the mayor. Council members urged Mayor Grimes to work with the prospect in finding an alternate.

Police Chief Whitworth reported the council on the results of a personnel board hearing on police officer Michael Patrick. He read the prepared, signed results of the hearing which recommended the council uphold the termination of Patrick as recommended by Whitworth. After a long pause when no council member offered a motion to uphold the action, Council member Ben Carpenter requested an executive session at 6:13 p.m.

The council members left the room and returned six minutes later. At this time council member Harold Bannin, a member of the board which heard the charges and made the recommendation, made a motion to uphold the action. Carpenter seconded the action and approval was unanimous.

The council approved a resolution naming The Peoples Bank as depository for the \$2.8 million sewer project which has already received approval for federal funding.

Also approved was recent action by the Elba Planning & Zoning Board. That group had approved the rezoning of a parcel of land adjoin-

ing Hayes Funeral Home from R-4 to B-2. Announced plans are for Moseley Studios to build a facility on part of the land and the funeral home to use the balance for an expanded parking lot.

A resolution amending a \$250,000 CDBG home buy-out grant to include land acquisition was approved by the council.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported city crews had had a good day contending with the heavy rains. He said recent cleaning of drainage ditches and storm drain pipes has already paid off, with most of the rain water draining off within a few minutes.

Grimes presented council members with a financial report for the first 11 months of the year. He noted that the budget overrun was distorted due to the purchase of a new \$22,350 fire truck. That money will not come out of the general fund, but from the fire department tobacco tax.

The figures on the 11 month budget show the city was only short about \$5,000 projected revenue, in spite of the March flood and the closing on the only grocery supermarket during early 1998. Expenses for the 11 months are \$66,765 above projections, but include the fire truck and the flood expenses. Grimes had earlier given council

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Cutts & Guthrie to stand trial as adults on capital murder

An Enterprise youth accused in double murder will stand trial as an adult during the March '99 term of criminal court in the Enterprise Division.

Russell William Cutts, Jr., 19, will stand trial on the charge of capital murder as an adult. Circuit Judge Robert Barr ruled on the accused murderer's request for youthful offender status last Thursday morning (September 24). He was immediately arraigned and entered a not guilty plea to the capital murder charges.

Cutts, along with Jeremy Guthrie, of Daleville, AL, has been charged in the capital murder of Russell William Cutts, Sr., 41, and Leighanne Manning Cutts, 34, both of Enterprise.

Guthrie has also been denied youthful offender status in the slaying and is scheduled to stand trial in December of 1998. Both Cutts, Jr. and Guthrie were arrested on Sunday, March 15, in Sugar Land,

TX, on theft charges involving a missing pick-up truck belonging to the senior Cutts.

The Cutts' bodies were recovered on March 16, 1998 when state highway department personnel were inspecting a bridge for flood damage south of Elba on AL Hwy. 189 near the Perry Store Community.

Authorities had been searching for the couple since their reported disappearance on March 14, 1998.

An autopsy on Mr. and Mrs. Cutts revealed that they died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds to the upper torsos.

The two young men were arrested by local authorities after they had waived extradition from Texas and were returned to Enterprise on March 19, 1998. They were indicted by a special grand jury on charges of capital murder.

Both have and are being held without bond in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton, AL.

OPINION

BRAINSTORMS

Georges should be gone from the area by the time you are reading this column ... at least that is the hopes of many. To say we were not worried, or at least concerned, would be a bald face lie and an insult to your intelligence. "Cause our eyes have been on the skies and the weather reports just like yours. We can say however that we have been a bit guilty for some follow-up prayers of the past 24 hours. When it began to be clear that Coffee County would miss the worst of this storm, we had to give thanks and try to atone for the guilt feeling of wanting the storm to go somewhere else. Folks, if the weather which hit as close as Covington County Monday had been in and/or above Elba ... it could have caused us great problems. But it didn't.

A number of Elba people were nervously moving their worldly goods to higher ground Tuesday. We did not, nor will we poke fun at any one of them for this action. Having been with them during each previous disaster, we know the feelings all too well. Flood insurance or no flood insurance, there are things which can't be replaced with insurance money and besides, some of us gray headed folks are comfortable with our desks, chairs, etc. just as they are today and don't want to sell them to any insurance company, at any price.

A man from Ohio is enjoying his lottery winnings. A former mechanic, who suddenly ends up with \$30 million won last year, will be in a luxury suite at the Talladega Superspeedway next week. He likes the races, and said he is no longer going to be hot or cold watching them. Oh, he is taking along about 70 friends to enjoy the races and trappings of the luxury suite. The 37-year-old man quit his mechanic job and says he has not yet found another which pays his current salary ... he also quit playing the lottery.

While people in Elba were mostly worrying about high water during the intersection of the Bypass and Martin Luther King Drive. While there was no way to predict this weather months ago when they made their plans, we suggest they let someone else do the planning in the future! Seriously, we congratulate them and wish them well in their brand new building. Now we need to be sure someone else moves into their previous home on the square.

This week we saw some positive results from the efforts of city crews. A low of hours have been spent in cleaning storm drains and ditches recently and it shows. While there is still work to be done in many areas, we are seeing better control of heavy rains in the areas they have been working in. We express our heartfelt thanks.

Skinner Furniture has plans to move this week into their new building at the intersection of the Bypass and Martin Luther King Drive. While there was no way to predict this weather months ago when they made their plans, we suggest they let someone else do the planning in the future! Seriously, we congratulate them and wish them well in their brand new building. Now we need to be sure someone else moves into their previous home on the square.

Baseball history was made in a big way this year. Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire hit an incredible 70 home runs this year! Following right behind was Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa with 66 homers. The long standing record had been 61 by Roger Maris in 1961, who topped the great Babe Ruth's long standing 60 homers. A bit of useless information ... McGwire got his record setting #70 off Montreal Expos' Carl Pavano in the seventh inning. Both these ballplayers are good guys and deserve any rewards coming their way. We salute them both.

The newly formed Elba Economic Development Agency is advertising statewide for an economic development expert to take a newly created position with the Elba agency. The individual they are seeking will have considerable expertise in promoting the community, is what we are told. We wish them luck and give our wholehearted support to this new project. It is positive, which is what is necessary in today's world.

Coffee County is again declared a disaster area. Heck, we are still picking up from the last one and here we are in that category again. Governor James made the declaration today. What this does is put the entire county in position to get quick access to state and federal financial help to repair the storm damage and get people back into their homes.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

September 22 through September 28 Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 22, 1998, through September 28, 1998. They were: Cynthia Hudson, Nell Clemmons, Tommy Hancock, Nina Allen, Donnie Ray Maddox, Kimberly Richardson, Shirley Tompkins, Vince Bowers, Johnnie Yelverton, Minnie Thigpen, Cleo Livingston, Brandy Hudson, Lucille Stackhouse, Fred Cox, John Tyre, JoAnn Wilson, Lemon Rodgers, Acie McKenzie, Mavis Legear, Margaret Hussey, Douglas Armstrong, Petty Wambles, Nettie Ruth Messick, Jason Williams, Donnie Marler, John B. Johnson, John W. Johnson, Bonnie Dean, Lela Tyson, Angie Sumblin, Henry Veit, Rosie Jackson, Cecil Cordle, Ben Jordan, Jane Goodson, Mary Jackson, Ola Mae Stallings, Curbie Bell, Boncille Bush, Mary Brooks, Judy Wilson, Elaine Brown, Johnathan White, Ruth Cox, Drake Stinson, Mary Lindsey, Frances Chandler, Lois Locklar, Malcolm Taylor, and O. B. Rowe. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Jeanelle Flowers, Linda Ayers, Fred Cox, Phyllis Watson, Tommy Hancock, JoAnn Wilson, Lucille Stackhouse, Cleo Livingston, Donnie Ray Maddox, Margaret Hussey, Acie Livingston, Brandy Hudson, Lemon Rodgers, Jason Williams, Minnie Thigpen, Cynthia Hudson, John W. Johnson, Donnie Marler, Vince Bowers, Petty Wambles, Angie Sumblin, Nettie Ruth Messick, John Tyre, Wanda Marler, Lela Pearl Tyson, Johnnie Yelverton, Bonnie Dean, Douglas Armstrong, Mavis Legear, Cecil Cordle, Ola Mae Stallings, Ben Jordan, Mary Brooks, Cubie Bell, Henry Veit, Judy Wilson, Jane Goodson, Johnathan White, Elaine Brown, and Frances Chandler.



HERE COMES THE JUDGE. Circuit Judge Gary L. McAliley spoke to the Elba Lions Club recently and gave members some insight into the court system. He talked to the Lions about the different courts and the responsibilities of each of them. Pictured above with Judge McAliley (center) are: Lion Ronnie Young and Lion President Gene Eastburn. The Lion Club meets in the Elba Senior Citizens Center each 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon.

Elba Police Report

September 21 thru September 27

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 21, 1998, investigated the following incidents: eleven thefts of property, one assault, three criminal mischiefs, three burglaries, one child welfare check, one VPI, one harassing communication, one violation of a court order, one DUI, one running stop sign, one reckless driving, one attempting to elude, and one minor consuming alcohol. Arrests made during the week were: one for domestic violence, one for VPL, and one for minor in consumption. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for DUI, one for driving while driver's license are revoked, and one for driving without driver's license in possession. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - River stage - 4:46 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (9:57 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Adkisson and Davis streets (11:52 a.m.); Elba Rescue dispatched to wreck at intersection of Adkisson and Davis streets (11:53 a.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - Disturbance reported on Guyton Street (1:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Guyton Street (2:04 a.m.); River stage - 5:64 feet (6:32 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (5:17 p.m.); Burglary in progress, reported on AL Hwy. 166 (6:12 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (9:50 a.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Courtroom, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **RESCUE SQUAD** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. Rescue Sq. Bldg.
• **MASSONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• **COFFEE REpublican WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday.

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Book Sale is announced by "Friends of the Enterprise Public Library" for October 15th.

"Friends of the Enterprise Public Library" will have a fall book sale Thursday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the library. Popular fiction, nonfiction, children and young adult books, as well as videos and cassettes will be on sale. Donations prior to the sale are welcome. "Friends" cannot accept textbooks, incomplete encyclopedia sets or "Readers Digest Condensed books."

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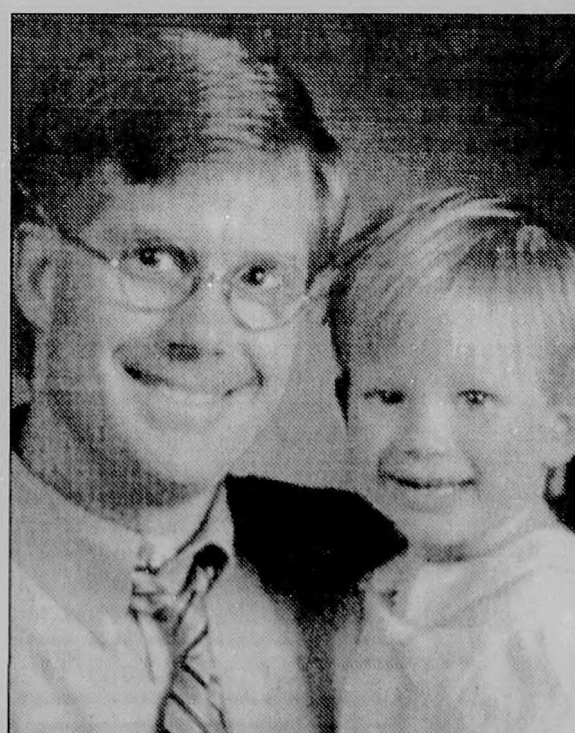


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AREA DEATHS

EMMA H. NOLIN

Mrs. Emma H. Nolin, age 93, of Phenix City, died Sept. 23, 1998, in the Phenix City Health Care, Inc. Graveside services were held Sept. 26, 1998, at 10 a.m. in Shady Grove Church Cemetery, Elba, with Dr. Tony Dye officiating, and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Nolin was a native of Elba and Coffee County and was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Nolin.

Survivors include a daughter: Donnie Nolin, Phenix City; a son: Lamar Nolin, Georgetown, Ga.; a sister: Alice Houston, Graceville, Fla.; 10 grandchildren.

ROSIE LEE JACKSON

Mrs. Rosie Lee Jackson, age 85, of Jack, died Sept. 27, 1998, at Elba General Hospital. Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Walter Faulk officiating. Burial followed in Zion Chapel Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Magaline Stephens, Jack; Callie P. Smith and Ethelene Davis, both of Forrest Park, Ga.; two sisters: Jessie Lee Cooper, Columbus, Ga.; Nellie Cauley, Jack; two brothers: Lester R. Kelley and Buster F. Kelley, both of Columbus, Ga.; 6 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

JOHN B. JOHNSON

Mr. John B. Johnson, age 94, of Rt. 2, Elba, died Sept. 28, 1998, at Elba General Hospital. Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Joseph Jackson officiating. Burial

JOSEPHINE CHURCH COOPER

Mrs. Josephine Church Cooper died Sept. 25, 1998. She was born March 7, 1940, in Brantley, to the late John and Gertrude Church.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Greater St. Matthew AME Church in Brantley, with Rev. John L. Dees Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Brantley Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include four sons: Jerome, Tony and Gene Lamar, all of Brantley; Travis, Rutledge; two daughters: Mary (Lamar) Burnett, Brantley; Gwendolyn Cooper, Rutledge; two sisters: Johnnie M. Hines, Newark, N.J.; Dorothy Parker, Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers: Eugene Nelson, Brantley; William Church, Zephyr Hills, Fla.; three grandchildren: Alicia Burnett, Darryl Burnett, Brantley, and Nicholas Cooper, Goshen.

WILLIE D. UPSHAW

Mr. Willie D. Upshaw died Sept. 13, 1998, at Enterprise Nursing Home. He was born April 15, 1909, in Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 1998, at 11 a.m. at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial was in St. Beulah Cemetery, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Anne Middleton; a sister: Katie Bell Moody; three grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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Arts Alliance to present Count Basie Orchestra in Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present The Count Basie Orchestra at Enterprise High School auditorium on Oct. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. The orchestra will be directed by Grover Mitchell, an Alabama native. Nineteen performers will render selections such as Down for the Count, Cottontail, Please Send Me Someone to Love, Love Makes the World Go Round, etc. Tickets are available at The Jewel Box in Elba, Westgate Book & Gift, The Framery, Plain 'n' Fancy in Enterprise, and the ITT Office at Ft. Rucker. Information about season tickets for the Arts Alliance presentations is available by calling Hilda Hagins, 347-7526.

Justice Delayed ... is Justice Denied

The Facts

Child custody, child support and property division cases sit in limbo for up to 4 YEARS waiting for a ruling from Gary McAliley.

Case # DR-96-M-112
Case #DR-88-M-264.02

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Cox,

Regarding the article I wrote on the Tiger Tales page of this week's paper, I would like to justify myself to a people of Elba.

The Elba Tigers have not been victorious yet, but these young men and the coaching staff have worked very hard and devoted so much time to the reputation of the City of Elba. And they haven't let their record slow them down. They are very determined each week and work hard to bring a victory to their school and hometown.

I would love to see the people of Elba being more supportive of these guys because they need our support now more than ever. They haven't given up, so we shouldn't either. The Tigers still have many more games ahead of them, and with the support of the public, they might just shock us.

I challenge each person to wear their black and gold on their booster badges, yell for the Tigers at the games, come to the spirit line (young and old) and show these boys how proud we are of their hard work and dedication to this town. If we all do our part, maybe we can bring the spirit of the Elba Tigers back!

Good luck Friday night, Tigers!

Sincerely,
Laura Crowe

Dear Editor,

The Alabama Sports Festival was built on the philosophy of using athletics as a vehicle to promote academic excellence. We congratulate State Supt. Ed Richardson and the State Board of Education on passing the "No-pass No-play rule." The official name of the new policy is "Extracurricular Activity Participation -- Academics First," or "Academics First for short." There could be no more appropriate title. Scholastic achievement must be our priority. Alabama's children must be prepared to compete and win against the very best the world has to offer.

The Alabama Sports Festival recognizes the great character-building traits students receive in athletic activities. The Alabama Sports Festival encourages parents, coaches, community leaders and elected officials to join in supporting these high academic standards. We must send a unified and clear message to our youth - in Alabama we put ACADEMICS FIRST!

Sincerely,
Ron Creel, CEO
Alabama Sports Festival

Dear Editor:
(Re: Recent Letter to Editor)

I am writing in response to Elizabeth Koon's Sept. 17th letter to the editor regarding my poem about President Clinton in the Sept. 10 issue of The Elba Clipper. First I would like to commend the Clipper for printing my poem and allowing me the forum for my personal thoughts on the matter. I am elated that my poem prompted Ms. Koon to write. I love the controversy my writing incurs; however, as must Republicans have taken my words completely out of context and twisted the meaning to fit her own agenda. In view of this I feel I must explain a few things to her. As President of the United States Mr. Clinton took an oath to uphold

Zion Chapel Athletic Club to meet Tuesday

The Zion Chapel Athletic Club members plan to meet Tuesday night, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. at The Z.C. High School. All mem-

Elementary school Halloween Carnival is set for Oct. 8

Elba Elementary School's Halloween Carnival will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 8, 5:30 - 7:30 at the school. Featured will be carnival games, food and fun for the whole family. Admission is free - games are 50 cents each.

The Black and Gold Show will be presented at 8 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria, with skits being performed. Admission to the Black and Gold Show is \$3.00.

The Carnival is being sponsored by the Elba Elementary PTO, and everyone is urged to come out and support the event.

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

my nation in good times and bad

and protect my rights and the rights of every citizen in this great land. As he stood up there that January day I do not remember him putting up his hand to say, "My personal life is now your personal life." If I am wrong in that respect I feel quite confident some Republican will let me know.

However, Ms. Koon, if you feel the need to know what "position" Mr. Clinton prefers, perhaps you need to check your morals at the door and be more concerned about what your children hear in your house than from the White House. As far as my Democratic Party "whining" about the \$40 million spent by Mr. Starr and his "investigation," I have heard just as many Republicans whine as Democrats. Remember the woman at the well excluded of course) realize what a waste this expenditure has been. When the Independent Counsel convened in August of 1994, Mr. Starr was instructed to investigate the Whitewater scandal and illegal campaign contributions. So far, in the recently released report of Mr. Starr's, the only Whitewater I have heard about is the white stain supposedly left on Monica's black dress.

And as for illegal campaign contributions, there must not have been any because there has been no report on same. I guess that wasn't leading Mr. Starr anywhere and he went further South with his investigation. (You know, down South where Monica achieved her own Whitewater.)

As far as me being a "minion" of Clinton's, that much, Ms. Koon, is very true. A minion is a follower, and I am indeed a Clinton follower. However, as his minion, I have not slandered one person who was subpoenaed by the Grand Jury. I haven't had to. One of the main witnesses subpoenaed is Monica Lewinsky. I do not have to slander a 22-year-old who feels it is necessary to try and break up a marriage, nor do I have to slander a "friend" who feels it is necessary to tape-record conversations with the said home-wrecker while she is gleefully exposing her exploits.

A woman who engages in promiscuous sexual relations and a cheap spy-want-to-be have already sent their reputations in stone, and they do not need me or any other Democrat to slander them. As far as the others called before the Grand Jury, they were following a subpoena and there is no reason to slander them for that. They were only doing what the law dictates.

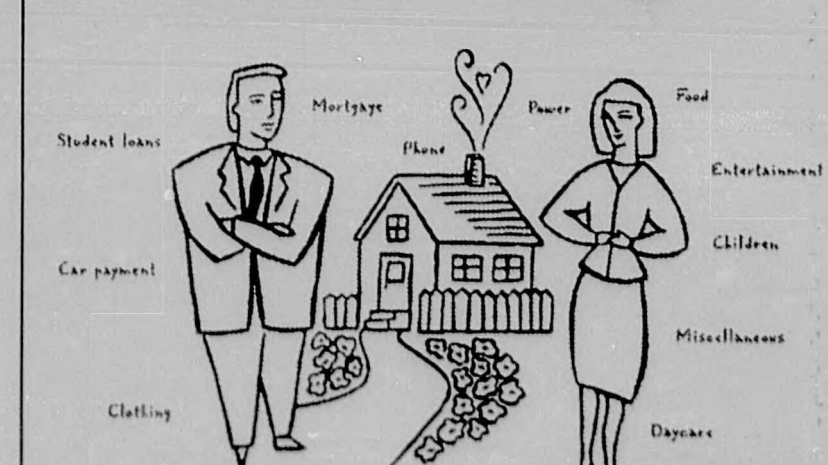
The night President Clinton made his now infamous speech he did confess to having an "improper relationship." That was not a lie and it was not meant to patronize anyone. I never said in my poem or anywhere else that Bill Clinton was a good husband, but he has, without a doubt, been a good President. That very night he said what he had done was between him, Hillary, Chelsea and his God -- not him, Hillary,

and I am writing in response to Elizabeth Koon's Sept. 17th letter to the editor regarding my poem about President Clinton in the Sept. 10 issue of The Elba Clipper. First I would like to commend the Clipper for printing my poem and allowing me the forum for my personal thoughts on the matter. I am elated that my poem prompted Ms. Koon to write. I love the controversy my writing incurs; however, as must Republicans have taken my words completely out of context and twisted the meaning to fit her own agenda. In view of this I feel I must explain a few things to her. As President of the United States Mr. Clinton took an oath to uphold

the last sentence of your letter speaks volumes for the preceding text. You stated that you felt the only thing Clinton had done right in the last six years was give us a Republican Congress -- the same Republican system that is in the process of destroying our Social Security system. The last line of my poem stated that my boss was the Chairman of the Coffee County Democratic Committee. Your line reflects your political affiliation as does mine, so Ms. Koon I seriously doubt we will ever see eye to eye on this issue or any other political issue. But, as Americans, we have the freedom of choice; I chose to forgive.

Sincerely,
/s/PAM GRISSETT

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SCHOOLS

JV Cheerleaders

by Kendra Ward
The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity Cheerleaders attended a Cheerleading camp June 4 and 5 in the Zion Chapel High School gym. They arrived at 8 o'clock in the morning and left at 3 in the afternoon. During this time, cheerleaders, a dance, and stunting techniques were taught. Jennifer English, a Troy State cheerleader, was the instructor for the camp. The JV cheerleaders are Captain Ashley Wambles, Co-Captain Amanda Perry, Ashley Wallace, Jennifer Myers, Anna Miller, Kim Rayburn, Samantha Sisney, and Dana Allen. Mrs. Kelley Cobb is the cheerleading sponsor.

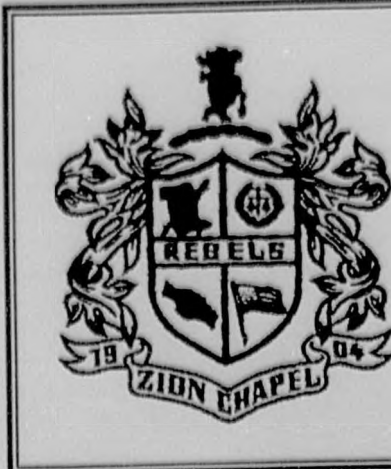
See 'ya At The Pole

by Carissa Walker
If a person drove by a school on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 a.m., a person would have seen something unusual for a regular school morning. That's because it wasn't a regular school morning. Once a year, on the second Wednesday in September, students gather at the flagpole in front of their school for "See A Person at the Pole."

This year was the annual anniversary of "See A Person at the Pole." This is a day set aside to pray for a person's school, community, state, and country. It is led by the students, for the students.

Over 55 students attended this year at Zion Chapel High School. They formed a circle in front of the school and opened in prayer. Scripture was then read and discussed. Then everyone held hands and anyone who wanted to pray had a chance.

It was a moment to pray for the school, students, teachers, and to praise God.



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What Do You Think...

by Blake Weeks
Recently members of the senior and junior classes were asked a question that is on the minds of many Americans, "What do you think should happen to President Clinton?" Here are some of the responses to that question.

Matt Dunn: "They should wait until he is out of office. Everything that is going on is an embarrassment to the country."

Christy Houston: "It does not matter to me. He wasn't elected because of his private life."

Blake Weeks: "From what I've heard, he should be impeached and get some serious professional help."

Jessica Cotton: "He should be impeached. What he did was wrong."

Kendra Ward: "Clinton should be impeached because I didn't like him to begin with."

Josh Faircloth: "President Who?"

Chan Grantham: "I don't see what the problem is. It's his personal life. It's not affecting me."

Angie Laney: "Ahh! It was wrong. Impeach him."

Michelle McIntosh: "I don't care what happens to him."

John Arnold: "I think that people should wait until he gets out of office, because the United States is weaker without a president that people

respect."

Bo Addison: "I don't care. I'm just tired of hearing about it."

Justin Law: "He should be impeached because our leaders should set better examples than that."

Tara Grant: "It doesn't matter to me what he does. It's his personal business."

Morgan Hodge: "I think what he did was immoral, but I also think that it's his personal business."

Kayla Eddins: "I think it should be between him and his wife, not the country."

Jessica Kelley: "President Clinton abused his authority. What he did was immoral and I think he should resign, not be impeached."

Ceretha Towles: "I agree that it is his personal life, but he represents our country. We don't need someone like that in office."

Daphne Jirright: "I believe that when anyone's marriage is being torn apart because of cheating it's hard to deal with. The media should think about his wife and daughter when they tell every detail of his sexual acts."

Matt Nelson: "I think that people should leave him alone. His personal life is not any of our business."

Junior Beta Club Begins Active Year

by Chan Grantham
Community service was the first activity of the year for the members of the Junior Beta Club.

These students sanded and painted the letters on the outside of the school fence which read "Zion Chapel High School".

For Christmas, members of the club plan to raise money to adopt an angel. Members currently involved in the Junior Beta Club are President James Simmons, Vice President Amber Henderson, Secretary Anna Miller, Treasurer Ashley Wambles, and Reporter Perry Cauthen. Other members include Kim McClain, Amanda Perry, Jonah Edmondson, Russell Faircloth, Macon Hodge, Jonah Edmondson.

To become a member of the club a student must maintain at least an 88 average. Brandon Arnold, Dawn Johnson, Kimberly Bullock, and Courtney Tracey are the newest members.



Jr. Beta Club members pictured above are (l-r): first row - President James Simmons, Vice President Amber Henderson, Secretary Anna Miller, Treasurer Ashley Wambles, and Reporter Perry Cauthen; second row - Russell Faircloth, Macon Hodge, Jonah McWaters, and Jason Danley; third row - Allan Harrison, Keri Senn, Brittany Thompson, Cory Williams, and Ashley Smith; fourth row - Kimberly Rayburn, Jamey White, Bobby Pennington, and Tabetha Presley. Not pictured - Amanda Perry and Jonah Edmondson.

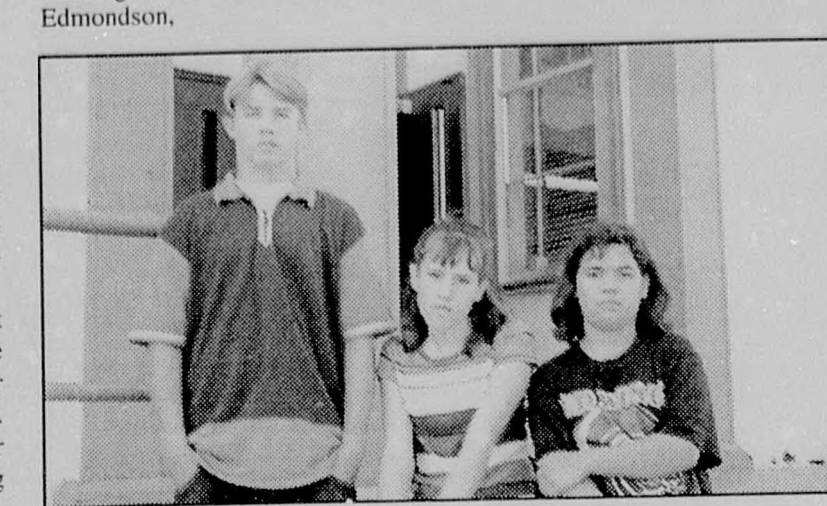
Science In Motion

by April Grissett
Zion Chapel High School has been participating in the Science in Motion program for about 5 years now. This program is through the Troy State Inservice Centers.

In order to participate in this program, the science teacher has to attend workshops during the summer for two weeks to go over the labs themselves. Throughout the state, there are several million dollars worth of equipment and supplies made available to schools.

There are seven different Inservice Centers, two vans (one for chemistry/physics, and one for biology), and two drivers.

"Science in Motion is a lifesaver for small schools, it's the best thing the legislature has done for science," said Mrs. Jackie Jirright, life science instructor.



Newest Jr. Beta Club members are (l-r): Brandon Arnold, Dawn Johnson, and Kimberly Bullock. Not pictured is Courtney Tracey.

FFA Members Must Decide On Contest

by Cristy Houston
Now is the time for FFA members to begin to make a decision about which contest is right for them. They must decide if they want to start at the county level or go straight to the district level and compete.

There are five county events. All of them except one is a group event. They include livestock judging, forestry, land judging, public speaking, and tractor driving. Livestock judging is an event that helps a person understand and interpret the value of data, make accurate observations, make logical decisions, and discuss and defend a person's decisions. Forestry is designed to simulate a person's interest in tree observation and equipment identification. Land judging helps students learn more about land. The differences in soil, methods of soil conservation, and treatment in obtaining higher production and suitable home sites. Tractor Driving is used to provide competitive activities and advance safety, skill, and efficiency in the use of farm tractors and equipment.

There are six contests that go straight to district. They are Ag Mechanics, Ag Construction, Small Engine, Ag Welding, Agriculture, and Nursery/Landscape.

Ag Mechanics tests a person's technical competencies, a person's ability to work with others, to access information, and to balance problem-solving abilities.

Ag Construction provides students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills, abilities, and competencies in building construction.

Small Engines provides students a chance to compete and demonstrate their skills, abilities and competencies on small engines.

Fluoriculture is designed to stimulate a person's interest in producing and retailing flowers, plants, and foliage.

Parliamentary Procedure is designed to help a person effectively participate in business meetings and develop a person's leadership skills.

Nursery/Landscape is an event that covers all aspects of producing, marketing, utilizing and maintaining landscape plants.

All county events will be held in New Brockton at the Farm Center. All district events will be held at Troy State University in Troy.

Anyone who wishes to participate in any of the events should make sure they have signed up and have all their dues paid by October 1.

Coffee County Schools Menu Oct. 5 - 9, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Fish, Knapic, Cole Slaw, Onion Rings, Fruit, Hash Potatoes, Milk
Tuesday - Honey Buns, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Roast Beef Sandwich, Veggie Sticks w/Dip, Breaded Squash, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Waffles, Syrup, Fruit Slice, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets, BBQ Sandwich, Potato Salad, English Peas, Banana Pudding, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Jelly or Syrup, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Beef & Cheese Nachos or Ham Sandwich, Green Salad, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit, Cheese, Chip Cookie, Milk
Friday - Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Steak Fingers, Baked Burrito, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Turnover, Rolls, Milk

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Where's Everyone's SPIRIT?

by Laura Crowe
Elba has always been full of pride, tradition, and spirit that shines through the faces of people on the streets of Elba, in the halls of the schools, at work, and at every football game.

VICA Spotlight



by Deana Gifford
This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Deana Gifford. She works with Hardee's of Elba and serves as a cashier.

She is the daughter of Arthur and Martha Gifford and is a senior at Elba High School. Deana is a member of VICA, SGA, and the Journalism Staff. Her hobbies include reading, writing poems and being with friends. After high school, Deana plans to attend ESIC for two years and transfer to University of South Alabama majoring in Dentistry.

As years have passed, and now that I am old enough to participate in the traditions, the spirit of Elba and the support to the football team has slowly diminished in every way. I'm lucky to see ten students in the halls of Elba High School wearing Black and Gold and rarely do I see a business down town wishing the Tigers luck on the upcoming game. And what happened to the crowd yelling "ELBIE" before an exciting play?

Where is everybody on Friday nights? Somewhere along the way Elba Tiger football excitement has vanished. I don't know where it all went, but I miss it.

The football team works hard every day. Even though their record hasn't started off as planned, these twenty-five young men have devoted their summer and the upcoming months to Elba and for that they have done their job.

The cheerleaders have worked very hard to bring Elba High School spirit back and to support the football team and the band.

The band has increased their number greatly and look absolutely wonderful! But who is supporting these groups of fine, young people who work hard every day of the week to represent the city of Elba with pride and dedication?

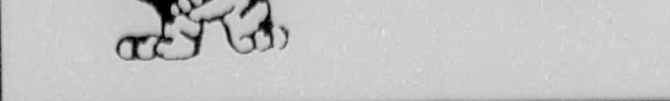
I would like to take this opportunity to ask every business, citizen, teacher, and student of Elba to help bring back the traditions of Elba High School Football.

I hope to see a lot more people showing their pride for the city of Elba and its football team this week as Elba goes head to head against Geneva. Wear your Tiger colors, your booster badges, and show your spirit at school, work, and even on the streets of Elba. Help bring back the spirit of Elba and all its traditions.

The band, cheerleaders, and football team need your support now more than ever. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL FRIDAY NIGHT!

Tiger Tales

Anna Maddox
Editor
Daniel Murdock
Editor



Homecoming Just Around Corner

by Julie Roberson
It is about to be that time of year again. Homecoming is just around the corner. For the students and faculty at EHS this means many hours of hard work and participation. When I think of Homecoming I automatically think of the parade, the Homecoming Queen and the big game on Friday night. This year we wanted to go ahead and inform the public on the upcoming events of Homecoming week.

The voting of the Homecoming Queen and attendants will take place on Thursday, September 24. The students will find out the results of the voting at the pep rally the following day. On the day of Homecoming, October 16 at 10:30, the coronation at Elba High School will take place. The parade on the square will begin at 3:00 that afternoon. Homecoming night will start at 7:00 with the pre-game presentation of the Homecoming Queen and her Court. Immediately following the game, the Elbala staff will host the annual Homecoming Dance until midnight for the students' enjoyment.

This is evidently the busiest, but also one of the most exciting, weeks of the year for Elba High School.

What Are Friendships...

by Emilee Benbow
Friendship. What is friendship? In my opinion friendship is a life-long bond that is not broken over little arguments. These small spats only help to make it stronger. There have been many incidents lately that cause me to question what this word truly means and to wonder who my true friends are. Are they the people I go to school with every day or will those people turn against me if I do not agree with them? My truest friends I know are the people that are always there when I need

them and forgive me when I make a mistake. They may offer advice or just sit and listen. Either way they mean more than anything else in the world.

I think these days many people have forgotten the golden rule: Treat others as you would have them treat you. This rule is so important when it comes to acquiring and maintaining friendships. This is something everybody needs to remember because when you treat someone cruelly, not only does it reflect back on you but it hurts the other person, probably more than you realize. So next time you're mad or upset consider your actions before it's too late to take them back.

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Band's T-Shirts Have Arrived

The Elba Band tee-shirts have arrived. Up and down the halls curious students sneak with a secret hope of viewing these wonderful pieces of artful clothing.

Graphic artist Gunter Akridge put his unique creativity and ideals for quality into the making of this fine piece of clothing and his hard work can be seen.



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described as ravishing.

Elba High School and Elba Elementary School band students alike wholeheartedly wear this exquisite piece of artwork, and beneath these funky threads there lies a touch of Tiger Spirit and Elba Pride.

Marching Tigers In Contest

by Casey Henderson
Over the past two weeks The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band has been preparing for the three contests they will be attending this year. The first contest the band will compete in is the Daleville Invitational Marching Festival on October 3. They will be competing in the 3A classification with many

other talented bands from around the area. This classification is determined by how many wind and percussion players are in the band.

The Marching Tigers will be performing late afternoon in Warhawk Stadium due to their classification. We hope everyone will come out on October 3 and support the Marching Tigers.

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By Ricky Mularz

I don't know about you, but I for one am more tired of watching the Weather Channel than I am of seeing President Clinton pointing fingers. It seems like the Weather Channel has been on throughout the day for the past couple of months as we have been hit by storms, high temperatures, and now, hurricanes. I will admit that I am not a big fan of any of the other channels on the TV, but in recent weeks it has gotten to the point where I would rather watch the Animal Channel, or even the Home Shopping Network than see the various weathermen stand in the rain and predict how bad the weather was going to be somewhere around the nation. Back when I was young we only had two stations on the TV, and we never worried about the weather. Now, we get over 30 channels and we are obsessed with the weather. It is good to be prepared, but enough is enough!

TIGERS REMAIN WINLESS AFTER LOSS TO GENEVA COUNTY

The Elba Tigers saw their losing streak for the '98 season reach four games Friday night as they lost to the Geneva County Bulldogs 21-20, in Hartford. The Tigers were well rested heading into the game and twice held leads, but the lack of reserves for the Tigers resulted in a tired team late in the game, and Geneva County was able to play "keep away" in the fourth quarter and held on to claim the hard-fought win.

The Elba offense had its problems with the big Bulldog defense, and only moved the football once the entire game. The Tigers did put together an impressive 83 yard scoring drive late in the first half to tie the game, but on Elba's other nine possessions the Tigers never kept the ball for over 3 plays and a punt, and on those nine possessions the Tigers' total offensive output was only 4 yards. The Elba offense has got to stay on the field longer, and be more productive, if the Tigers are going to get in the win column, no matter the opposition.

The Elba defense came up with enough big plays to win most games, and came up with fumble recoveries at the Geneva County 11-yardline, 19-yardline and 2-yardline, two of which set up short scoring drives. The defense also made a key recovery at the Elba 24-yardline that stopped a potential score by the Bulldogs, and late in the game made a stand at the Elba 4-yardline that gave the Tigers one last chance to pull out the win. The defense played hard and passed some big kicks throughout the game. It simply got tired late in the game and couldn't get the ball away from the Geneva County offense.

The physical dominance of Geneva County was never more evident than in the second half. Elba had the edge in time of possession in the first half 12:34 to 11:26, but in the second half Geneva County had a huge advantage as it owned the ball 17:41 to only 6:19 for the Tigers. In the fourth quarter, Geneva County had the football for 10:30 and snapped the ball 20 times, compared to only 1:30 of possession for the Tigers, and only 6 snaps. Elba played well enough to stay in the game, but in the end the Tigers still had plenty of heart, just not enough energy.

I know that all Elba Tiger fans are disappointed with the way the season has gone, but no one is more disappointed than the players and coaches. These guys work hour after hour during the week trying to put in a game plan that will lead to a win, and after three hours of blood, sweat and tears on Friday nights, are more disappointed than anyone in the stands after suffering yet another loss. I encourage the Elba fans to give the players and coaches the support they so richly deserve, and let 'em know that as long as the effort is there, the support will be loud and will be on their side of the field!

NEW BROCKTON IS ONLY AREA TEAM TO TASTE VICTORY

The high school football regular season reached its halfway mark last week, and in week #5 play only the New Brockton Gamecocks were able to post a win in area action, with it coming at the expense of another area squad. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

****NEW BROCKTON (3-2)** scored early and often to ambush the Zion Chapel Rebels 47-0. The Gamecocks used their 1-2 punch of Lee Flowers and Jason McKenzie to score almost at will against the out-manned Rebels, and also showed they could put the ball in the air as Kellen Cole had a completion for 67 yards. The New Brockton offense appeared to be running on all cylinders, and for the first time this season the Gamecocks were at full strength on the offensive side of the ball. The Gamecocks also flexed their muscles on defense, and have quietly become one of the top defensive units around. Look out, the Gamecocks are beginning to make their move!

****ZION CHAPEL (0-5)** never had a chance in their big 47-0 loss to cross-county rival New Brockton. The Rebels had the heart, they just didn't have the talent to get a win against a team with as many weapons as the Gamecocks. Zion Chapel will get a much needed week off this week, and maybe the Rebels can use the time to rest up and get ready for the final four games of the season, a couple of which they should have a real chance of winning. Keep the faith, Rebels, the season is still a long way from being over, and your "never say die" attitude can still pay dividends.

****KINSTON (0-5)** scored early to pull even in its homecoming battle against G.W. Long, but was simply out-classed in its 32-6 loss to the Rebels. The Bulldogs play hard on every play and quit is not in their vocabulary; however, this season they are just a few players short of having the talent to win against many of the teams in the 2A ranks. The Bulldog players and coaches will keep working hard, and the fact, and maybe before long that attitude and work ethic will pay off.

****BRANTLEY (4-1)** saw its undefeated season come to an abrupt end Friday night when the Bulldogs were knocked off by cross-county rival Luverne 12-6. In Brantley, both teams were highly-ranked and confident going into the game, and while the game did get a little sloppy at times as the teams combined to lose six fumbles and commit 20 penalties for 212 yards, it was a real battle between neighbors. It will now be interesting to see how the Bulldogs will bounce back from the loss. They have a big area game this week against Frisco City, and also have big games left against 2A power Highland Home and 3A power St. James. The road doesn't get any easier for Brantley, but then championships aren't earned without challenges.

TOUR OF STATE REVEALS UP AND DOWN WEEK FOR PREPS

The fifth week of the season has come and gone and that means that the regular season is already half over. The cream always rises to the top, and after five weeks, here is a look at what has risen in the various classes....

****CLASS 1A** - Top-ranked Verbena fell from grace with a 28-21 loss to #8 Notulaga, while Parrish went to 5-0 with a big 33-6 win over Sulligent and American Christian continued to roll with a 49-20 win over Phillips. The teams to watch at the midway point in the season appear to be Parrish, American Christian, Sweet Water and Brantley.

****CLASS 2A** - Top-ranked Clay County rolled to 5-0 on the season with a 41-6 romp past Talladega Central, while #2 Lineville ripped Woodland 43-0 and Southern Choctaw improved to 5-0 with a 39-8 win over Millry. The teams to beat in 2A appear to be Clay County, Lineville, Hazlewood and Marion County.

****CLASS 3A** - Top-ranked Colbert County got knocked off by Deshler 28-14, while #2 Aliceville rolled over West Lowndes 46-6 and #3 Briarwood dumped #7 St. James 35-9. The teams that have stepped forward in this class appear to be Colbert County, Aliceville, Briarwood and Ashville.

****CLASS 4A** - Top-ranked Alexandria moved to 5-0 with a 35-6 win over Southside, while #2 Deshler ripped Colbert County 28-14 and #3 Midfield pounded Chilton County 44-7. Teams to keep an eye on in 4A appear to be Alexandria, Deshler, T.R. Miller and W.S. Neal.

****CLASS 5A** - Top-ranked Blount improved to 4-0 with a 27-0 win over Daphne, while #2 Sylacauga dumped Talladega 56-0 and #3 Athens

Shades Valley 34-17. Teams to watch in the 5A ranks appear to be Blount, Sylacauga, Gadsden and Russell County.

****CLASS 6A** - Top-ranked Tuscaloosa County moved to 5-0 on the season with a 31-21 win over Hoover, while #2 Vestavia Hills ripped Auburn 42-13 and #3 Tusculum Central fell to Clarke County, Georgia, 17-0. Teams to watch in the 6A ranks appear to be Tuscaloosa County, Vestavia Hills, Opelika and Murphy.

ELBA JUNIOR TIGERS REMAIN UNBEATEN ON SEASON

The Elba Junior Tigers moved their record to 3-0 last week with an exciting overtime win over Andalusia, and the success of the 7th and 8th grade Tigers have Tiger fans looking ahead and hoping that maybe this bunch can help Elba return to the top of the ranks in Class 3A. The Tigers came from behind in the win, held off a late surge near their own goal line, and then won in overtime against a very good team. The Junior Tigers are at a disadvantage at times when they compete against other teams with ninth graders in the lineup, but it has made little difference as they have rolled to three straight wins. The junior high program is the key to success at the high school level, and it looks like the junior high program has finally turned itself around and turned back into a winning program. Keep it going, you are the future for the Tigers!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

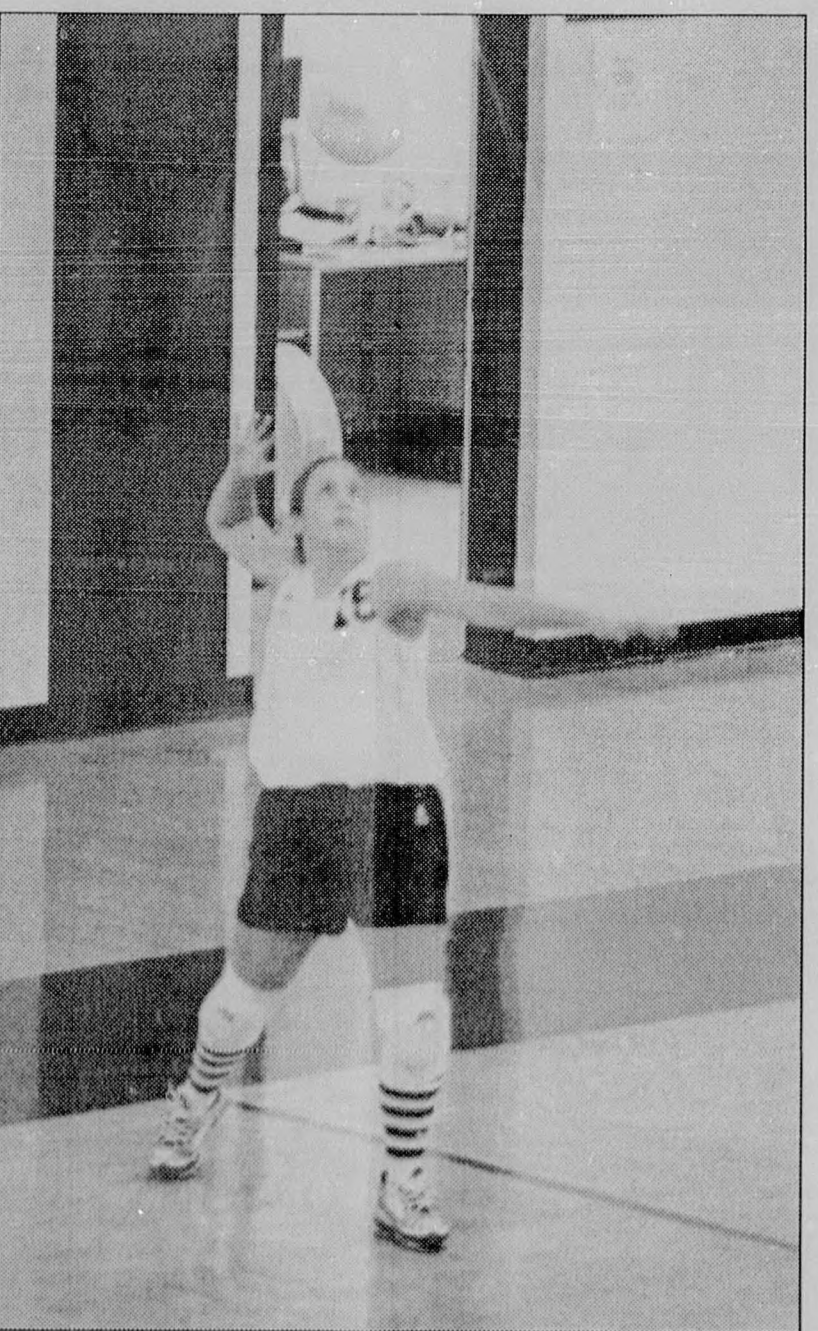
****Alabama's** 42-6 loss to Arkansas Saturday night was the worst loss for the Crimson Tide in 41 years, and had one Birmingham sportswriter writing that "If the season is going down the tubes...perhaps (Tyler) Watts should get a chance." Teams always get too much credit when they win and too much criticism when they lose, and while Saturday's loss to Arkansas was humiliating, the Crimson Tide fans have to remember that this is the same team that went 4-7 a year ago, and that the program has a ways to go, despite the two early-season wins. Hey, Bama can't be as bad as it looked!

****Now** that the Major League baseball season has reached the playoffs, it might be time to watch a few games involving a team other than the Braves and Cardinals. I am an American League fan from way back and think the division series should be fun to watch with teams like Texas, Cleveland, Boston and New York in the mix. At first glance one would say the Yankees will coast to the World Series; however, I think the Rangers could be the surprise team in the quarter, and look for a really good league series. Over in the National League, the Braves and Astros have to be the favorites to advance to the league finals, but San Diego has some quality pitching, and who ever survives the wild card race could make some noise. I believe the Astros are the favorites, but ever count out the Braves.

****Elba's** Ronald McKinnon continues to be one of the best kept secrets in the NFL, and after three games the former Elba Tigers standout has already made 30 solo tackles and recorded one sack for a 19-yard loss. McKinnon told me during the off-season that it is the fact he is from a small school (North Alabama) that he hasn't received the media attention, or big bucks, of other players. However, McKinnon will be an unrestricted free agent at the end of the '98 season, and you have to believe that the other teams in the NFL know about the Arizona standout and will be willing to pay him what he is really worth. Good luck, Ronald, and keep playing well. Elba is mighty proud of everything you do!

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on 16 of 20 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 100-31, and that's not a bad start to the season for the local guesster. This week there are several toss-ups, but when he stopped by



Elba Lady Tiger Michelle Lewis prepares to serve during a recent win. The Lady Tigers improved to 10-2 last week with a sweep over the Goshen Lady Eagles. The Lady Tigers will return to action this week on Thursday, at home, against Samson; Monday, at Pike County; and Tuesday, at home, against Goshen.

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Sunday the prognosticator said the best picks were yet to come. Only time will tell.

ELBA VS. GENEVA
The Tigers have stumbled out of the gate with an 0-4 record, while the Panthers have regrouped after a slow start and won their last three games by a combined score of 141-13. Elba has improved each and every week and will be at home; however, after the Panthers swim up the Pea River they will be ready to eat, and this week the main course could be Tiger meat!

GENEVA 34 ELBA 6

BRANTLEY VS. FRISCO CITY

A lot of people make their living betting on the Whippets as they run around the dog tracks in the state, but this week they might consider betting on the slow dogs when the Bulldogs from Brantley host the Whippets from Frisco City. Brantley won't be in any mood to be pleasant guests after last week's loss to Luverne, and could lit up the scoreboard.

BRANTLEY 44 FRISCO CITY 18

KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The winless Kinston Bulldogs will take the bus down to the state line Friday night to tangle with the unbeaten Florala Wildcats, and while the game might not be as one-sided as many may think, this will be one of those times in which the 'Cats get the better of the 'Dogs.

FLORALA 40 KINSTON 8

NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The Gamecocks have won three straight after a disappointing 0-2 start, and this week they will head down to Samson to tangle with a hurt, but proud gang of Samson Tigers. If the Gamecocks let the Tigers 1-4 record fool them, they could be setting themselves up for a major surprise. The gues here is that Brockton will be ready.

NEW BROCKTON 27 SAMSON 6

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Geneva County 14 G.W. Long 7
Sweet Water 28 Red Level 6
Straughn 20 McKenzie 8

Lady Tigers sweep Goshen to improve record to 10-2

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team continued its winning ways and improved its record to 10-2 last week with an impressive 15-6, 15-11 and 15-3, 15-13 double-header sweep over the Goshen Lady Eagles, in Goshen.

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a 15-6 win in game one of the first match. Melissa Grantham recorded five service points to give Elba an early 5-0 lead, while Vaughan Boyd had six straight points as the Lady Tigers pulled away for the win. The Lady Tigers rallied from an early 7-2 deficit to post a 15-11 win in game two of the opening match. Vaughan Boyd provided the spark that helped rally the Lady Tigers to the win, and recorded six service points in the game.

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead

Boss Man takes two checkered flags in Coffee County Mudd Trax races

The action was as hectic, and sloppy, as ever on Saturday, Sept. 19, as the Coffee County Mudd Trax returned to the track for an evening of racing.

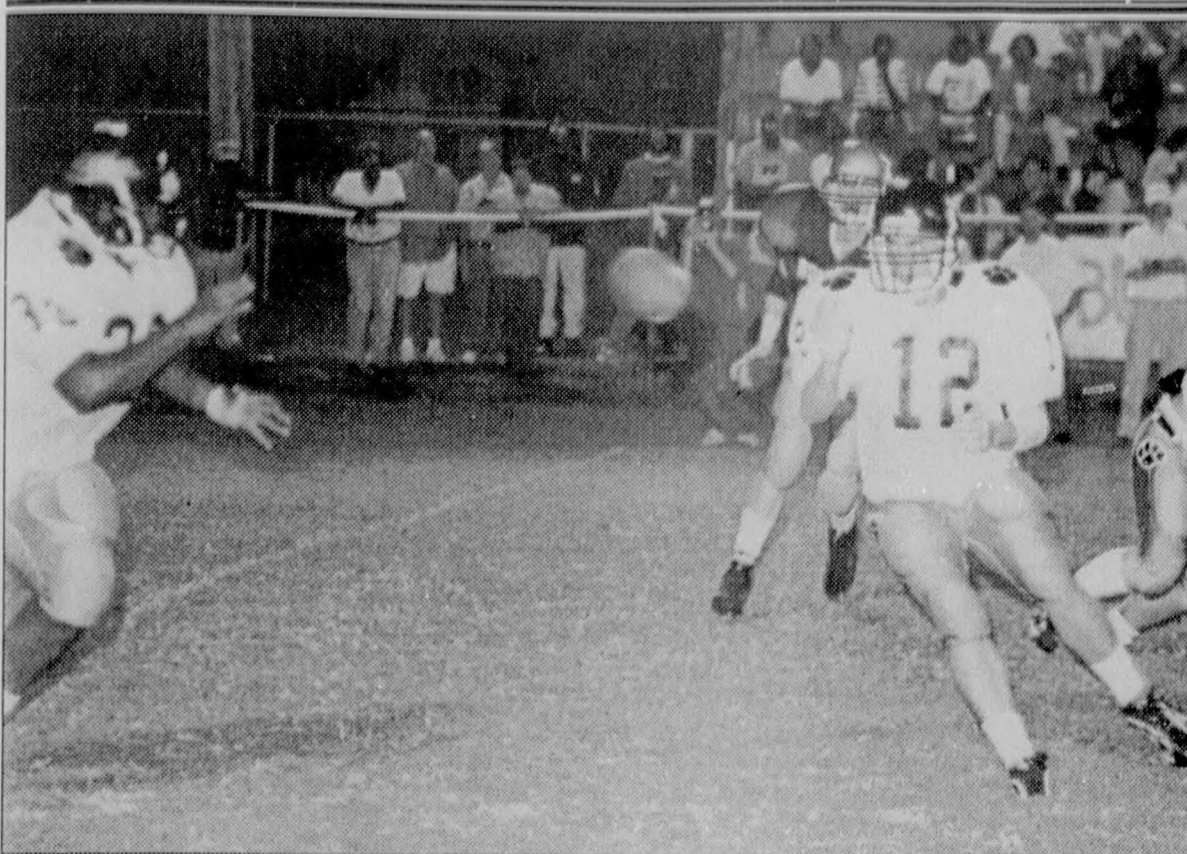
In the Factory Stock class, Hank Carlyon, driving "Backyard Special," raced to the top prize, followed in order by Johnny Bundy, in "Blood, Sweat and Tears," and Lee Boutwell, in "Sport Rod's" hot rod. The winner in the Factory Modified class was Mike Banks, behind the wheel of "Hot Shot." Bobby Young, driving "Trouble Maker," placed second, followed by Robert Sessions, driving "The Eagle."

The winner in the Ladies Factory Modified was Lynn Young, behind the wheel of "Trouble Maker." Amy Hurd, driving "Hot Shot," placed second, while in third was Anna Miller, in "Anna's Toy."

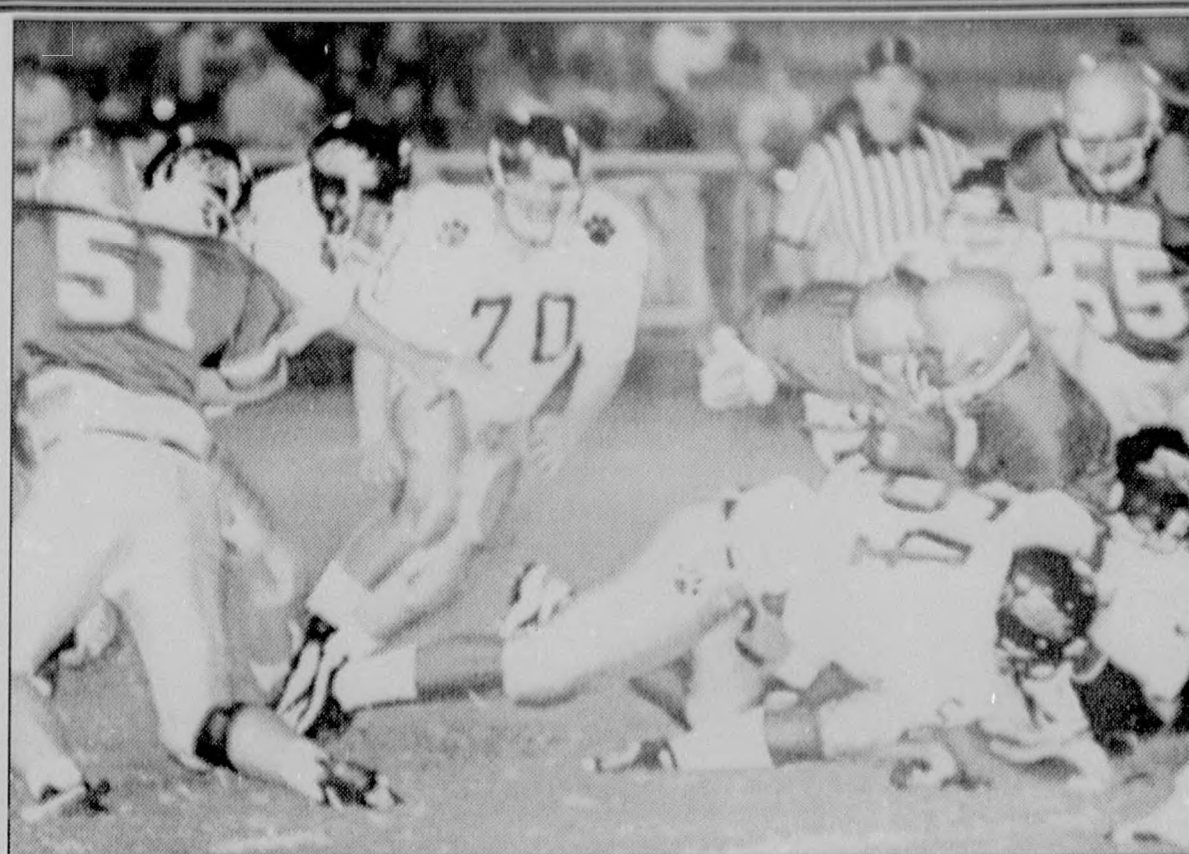
TRI-COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Opp at Brantley
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Straughn at Florala
Pleasant Home at Red Level
New Brockton at Kinston

SPORTS



Elba quarterback Bradley Bowers (12) pitches back to teammate Jawaune Hughes (33) in the Tigers 21-20 loss to Geneva County. The loss left the Tigers at 0-4 heading into this week's battle with the Geneva Panthers.



Elba offensive lineman Michael Godwin (64) opens a hole for an Elba running back as Britt Grimes (70) leads the back through the hole. Elba will be looking to get in the win column this week against Geneva.

Elba Tigers fall late to Geneva County 21-20

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue Friday night as the Geneva County Bulldogs rallied late in the third quarter to grab the lead and then played "keep away" with the Tigers in the final stanza to hold on and post an exciting 21-20 win, in Hartford.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-4, while Geneva County improved to 5-0 with the win.

Neither team could mount an offensive threat on their initial possession of the game; however, a 24-yard punt return sparked the Bulldogs midway through the opening stanza and led to the first points of the night.

The Geneva County scoring drive covered 28 yards in five plays and was aided by two penalties against the Tigers. The touchdown came on a 5-yard scamper by Clifton White, but the extra-point try failed, and with 4:19 left in the first quarter Geneva County was on top 6-0.

The Tigers got a big break late in the quarter when Jap Dubose recovered a Bulldog fumble at the Geneva County 11-yardline, only to give the ball right back only one play later on a fumble only inches away from the Bulldog goal line.

Geneva County gave the ball back to the Tigers when Elba's Lance Boutwell pounced on another Bulldog fumble at the Geneva County 19-yardline, and this time the Tigers cashed in on the turnover to grab the lead!

The touchdown came on a 13-yard pass from Bradley Bowers to Eric Jordan, and Jordan tackled on the extra-point as Elba moved ahead 7-6 with 8:36 remaining in the half.

Geneva County was determined to get the lead back, and did so on its ensuing possession as the Bulldogs marched 58 yards in only three plays to get back into the endzone. A 21-yard run by Andre Golsen got the drive off to fast start, while the score came on a 21-yard pass from Chad Whitaker to Pat Hatcher. The Bulldogs took advantage of a penalty against the Tigers to convert on a two-point try, and with 7:46 left in the second quarter the Bulldogs had regained the lead at 14-7.

The sudden Geneva County score failed to impress the Tigers; however, and Elba promptly drove 73 yards in nine plays to catch the Bulldogs at 14-14. A penalty against the Tigers on first down left Elba facing a first down and 20, but the Tigers were up to the challenge and converted on third down and 18 when Tony Burks hauled in a short pass and raced 57 yards to the Geneva County 25-yardline. Burks and Derek Coleman took turns butting heads with the Bulldog defense for the remainder of the drive, and it was Burks that got the score on a 1-

yard plunge. Eric Jordan added the extra-point as Elba pulled even at 14-14 with 2:54 remaining in the second quarter.

The Elba offense went three plays and out on their first two possessions of the second half, but got another big break late in the quarter when a snap on a punt attempt sailed over the head of the Bulldog punter and was recovered at the two-yardline by Elba's Eric Jordan. The Tigers scored one play later on a sneak by Bradley Bowers, and although the extra-point failed, Elba was back on top 20-14 with 3:27 remaining in the third quarter.

Geneva County was down, but not for long, as the Bulldogs took the ensuing kickoff and marched 57 yards in 5 plays to move back on top in the see-saw battle.

The touchdown came when Michael Ward took a hand off on a reverse and raced 50 yards into the endzone. The extra-point was true, and with :22 still left in the third quarter Geneva County was ahead 21-20.

The Tigers went three and out on their ensuing series, but the same was certainly not true for the Bulldogs, as Geneva County went on a 15 play march that ate up 8:25 of the clock. The Bulldogs converted on two fourth down plays during the long, time-consuming drive, with the key play in the drive being a fake punt on fourth down and three at the Elba 35-yardline that resulted in a six-yard gain and kept the drive alive.

The Tigers finally stopped the Bulldog march at the Elba 4-yardline when a big hit by O'Shay Hammonds on fourth down and four turned the ball back over to the Elba offense with 2:49 left in the game.

A 16-yard scamper by Derek Coleman gave the Tigers breathing room, but on the next play a Bowers' pass was picked off at the Elba 29-yardline, and Geneva County then ran out the clock to claim the 21-20 win.

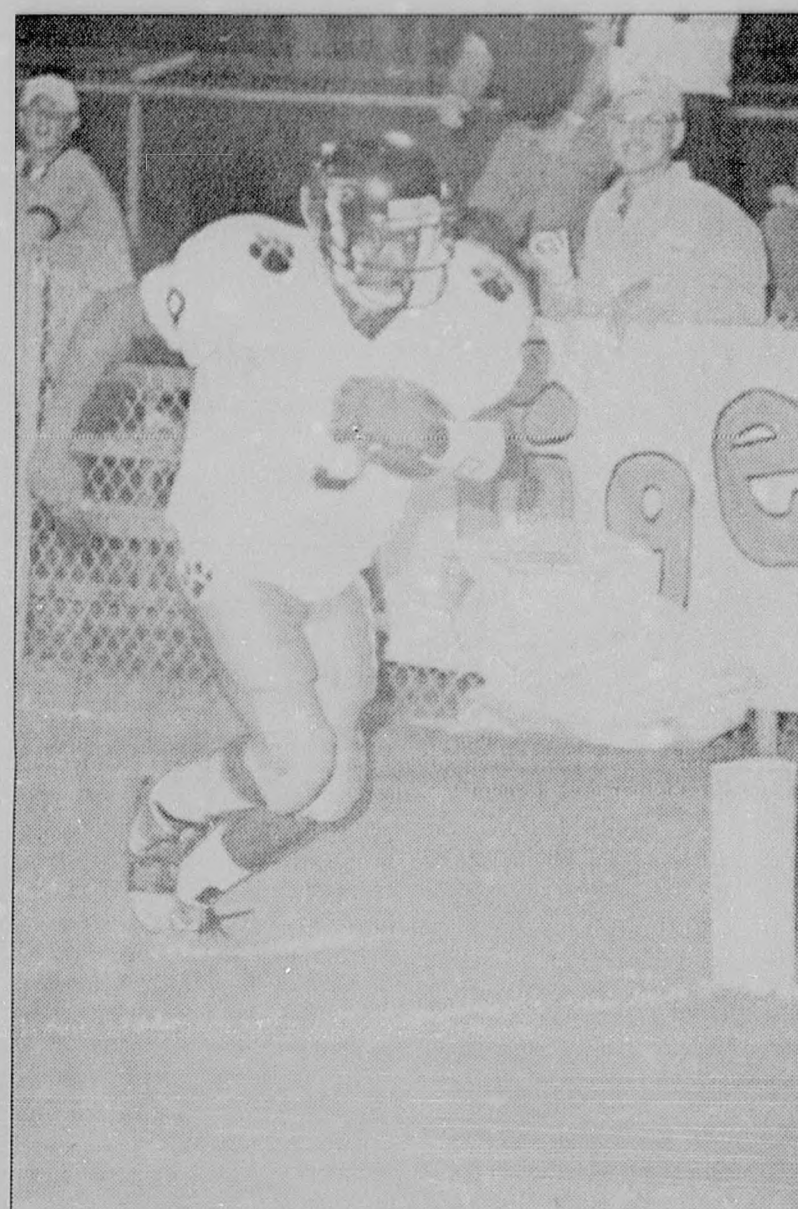
Derek Coleman gained 37 yards on 4 carries to lead the Elba ground attack, while Tony Burks gained 32 yards on 13 carries and caught one pass for 57 yards. Andre Golsen gained 99 yards on 21 carries to lead Geneva County.

Keni Mitchell made 12 tackles and had 2 assists to lead the Elba defense, while Derrick Duncan had 7 solo stops. Eric Jordan added 6 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Tony Burks had 5 tackles.

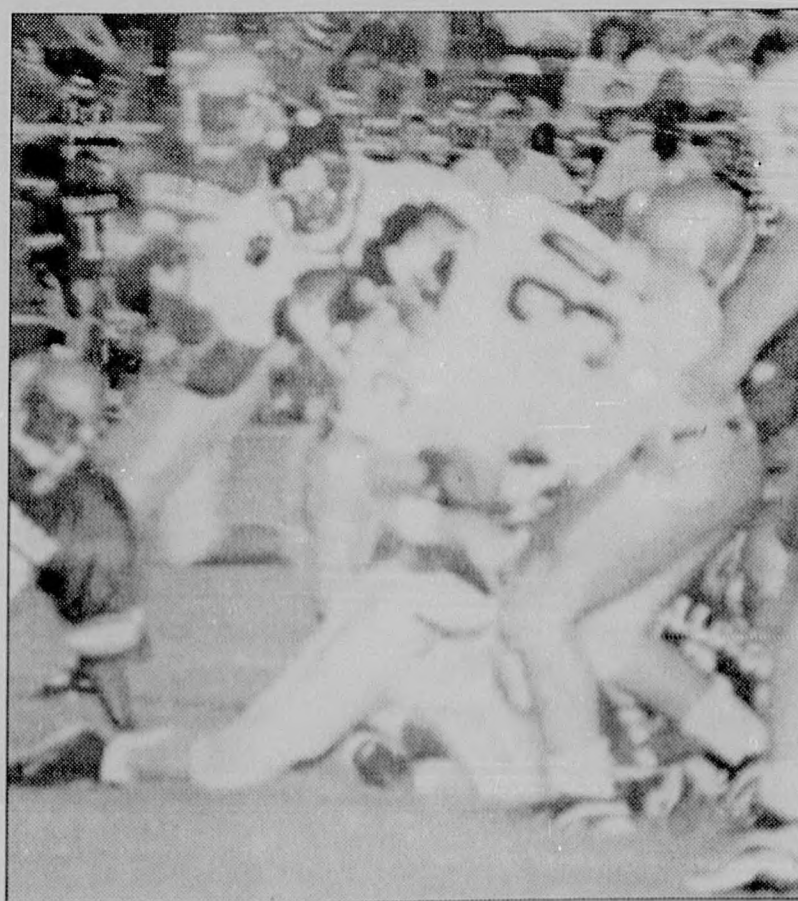
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5-37	Punts-Ave.	1-40
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Elba athletic boosters urged to attend very important meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Elba Recreation Center for everyone interested in the athletic program at Elba High School, and the future of the Elba Athletic Club. Future plans for the club, as well as possible fund-raising events, will be discussed at this important meeting. Everyone interested should attend.



Elba receiver Eric Jordan (9) heads for the endzone after pulling in a pass from Bradley Bowers. Jordan's 13-yard touchdown reception gave the Tigers an early 7-6 win over Geneva County in last week's 21-20 loss to the Bulldogs.



Elba defensive-end Lance Boutwell (34) helps drag down a Geneva County runner for no gain. Boutwell will lead the defense this week when the Tigers host the Geneva Panthers.

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KINSTON HOMECOMING... Kinston High School's Homecoming Queen and her court are pictured above. They are (l-r): Nicole Lashley, Sophomore Attendee; Hope Bedsole, 2nd Senior Attendee; Homecoming Queen Allie Sumblin; Tiffany Rhoades, 1st Senior Attendee; and Sabrina Piland, Junior Attendee. The queen and her court reigned over homecoming festivities Friday night at the Kinston - G.W. Long football game.

New Brockton spans Zion Chapel 47-0

By Kelyn Williams and Josh Lewis, Sportswriters

The New Brockton Gamecocks carried their two-game winning streak up the road to Zion Chapel Friday night and easily extended their victory margin to three games, as they spanked the out-manned Rebels 47-0, at Green Memorial Stadium.

New Brockton kicked off to open the game, but got the football right back on a Rebel fumble, and needed only one snap to get into the endzone as on its first play from scrimmage Jason McKenzie took a hand-off and raced 27 yards for a touchdown. McKenzie also crossed the goal line on the two-point conversion, and with 10:34 still left in the first quarter the Gamecocks were already on top 8-0.

The Gamecocks began their second offensive series at their own 30-yardline following a booming 44-yard punt; however, they had little trouble covering the distance to the endzone and quickly added to their lead.

A 24-yard run by Jason McKenzie on third down kept the drive alive early, while Lee Flowers added a 34-yard scamper during the march and Kellen Cole notched the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. The extra-point try failed, but with 6:06 remaining in the first quarter the rout was on as New Brockton was off and running with a 14-0 lead.

The Zion Chapel defense showed signs of life on the ensuing Gamecock possession as Marcus Taylor sacked Cole for a big 12 yard loss, only to see the Gamecocks again come through on third down, this time when Cole hit Charlie Driggers with a 63-yard pass that put the Gamecocks at the 2C 4-yardline. Lee Flowers darted into

the endzone one play later, and Robbie Kinsaul booted the extra-point as the Gamecocks increased their lead to 21-0 with 2:05 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Rebel offense moved the chains on its next possession behind the running of Josh Grantham and Jeremy Brey, but the drive bogged down near midfield, and the Gamecocks struck again as the punt Lee Flowers fielded the kick at the 15-yardline and raced 85 yards for another New Brockton touchdown. The extra-point try failed, however, it made little difference as the Gamecocks were in command with a 27-0 lead with 10:22 left in the second quarter.

The Gamecocks put the ball in play at midfield after a Rebel punt, and this time marched 50 yards into the endzone to blow the game wide open.

A 9-yard run by Lee Flowers on third down was a key play early in the scoring march, while a 16-yard scamper by Kellen Cole enabled the Gamecocks to close in on the goal line. An apparent touchdown was nullified by a penalty; however, the flag only delayed the Gamecock TD, as New Brockton came right back and got back into the endzone on a 14-yard run by Jason McKenzie. Kinsaul added the extra-point, and with 4:39 remaining in the first half New Brockton's lead stood at 34-0.

New Brockton received the second half kick and drove 72 yards to add to its ever-increasing lead.

A 9-yard run by Pate Harrison and a 13-yard scamper by Lee Flowers were big plays in the scoring march, which was capped off by a 5-yard touchdown run by Harrison. Kinsaul again booted the extra-point and the Gamecocks lead increased to 41-0 with 7:05 remain-

ing in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel's Josh Grantham ripped off a pair of 11-yard runs on the Rebels' next two possessions to move the chains, but the Rebels lost fumbles on both possessions to kill their hopes of getting on the scoreboard.

Zion Chapel recovered a fumble of its own early in the fourth quarter, and behind the running of Marcus Taylor and Jeremy Brey began a march toward the New Brockton goal line. The Rebels got as close as the Gamecock 3-yardline, but turned the ball over on downs as their final chance at getting into the endzone went by the board.

New Brockton regained possession with 3:46 left on the clock and moved to two first downs before punting with time quickly running out.

Zion Chapel called for a fair catch on the punt, but the ball bounced off the hands of the Rebel receiver and the Gamecocks' Lee Flowers scooped up the fumble and raced 44 yards for the final points of the game as New Brockton posted the 47-0 win.

Lee Flowers gained 90 yards on 7 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Gamecocks, while Jason McKenzie added 87 yards on 9 carries and scored 2 touchdowns and Pate Harrison gained 33 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown.

Kellen Cole hit on one of two passes for 67 yards and added a rushing touchdown in the Gamecocks' offensive explosion. Jeremy Brey gained 43 yards on 10 carries and Josh Grantham added 42 yards on 13 carries for the Rebels.

The New Brockton defense was paced by Charlie Driggers and Pate Harrison with 6 tackles each, while Josh Davis added 5 stops.

Bulldogs drop homecoming tilt to G.W. Long Rebels 32-6

By Chad Simmons, Sportswriter

Homecoming '98 did not go as planned for the Kinston Bulldogs Friday night, as despite the defense showing a new intensity, the Bulldogs once again gave up too many points and found their way to the endzone only once in a 32-6 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels.

G.W. Long failed to move on its first possession, and began its second series at its own 6-yardline, but marched the length of the field on the second series and scored on a 40-yard dash by Lorenzo Williams to take a 6-0 lead.

The Bulldogs received the ensuing kick and put together their only scoring drive of the night as they marched 65 yards to reach paydirt. A key play in the scoring drive was a pass from Bishop Edwards to Jamie Lansford that gave the

Bulldogs a first and goal at the Rebel 7-yardline, while Chancy Lashley covered the distance on the next play for a Kinston touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked; however, Kinston was even with the Rebels 6-6 and the large Homecoming crowd could sense an upset.

The Bulldogs hopes for a big win failed to last for long, as the Rebels added two scores in the second quarter to regain the lead. The first score of the quarter came on a 2-yard run by Moses Coleman, and it was Coleman that again reached paydirt later in the stanza on a 30-yard dash as G.W. Long went in at the half with an 18-6 advantage.

Kinston's Bishop Edwards returned the second half kickoff to the Bulldog 40-yardline to put Kinston in excellent field-position, but the 'Dogs failed to put together

a drive, and on the next Kinston possession the Bulldogs lost a fumble to set the Rebels up in scoring position. Lorenzo Williams reached the endzone on a 28-yard run as Long took a commanding 26-6 lead.

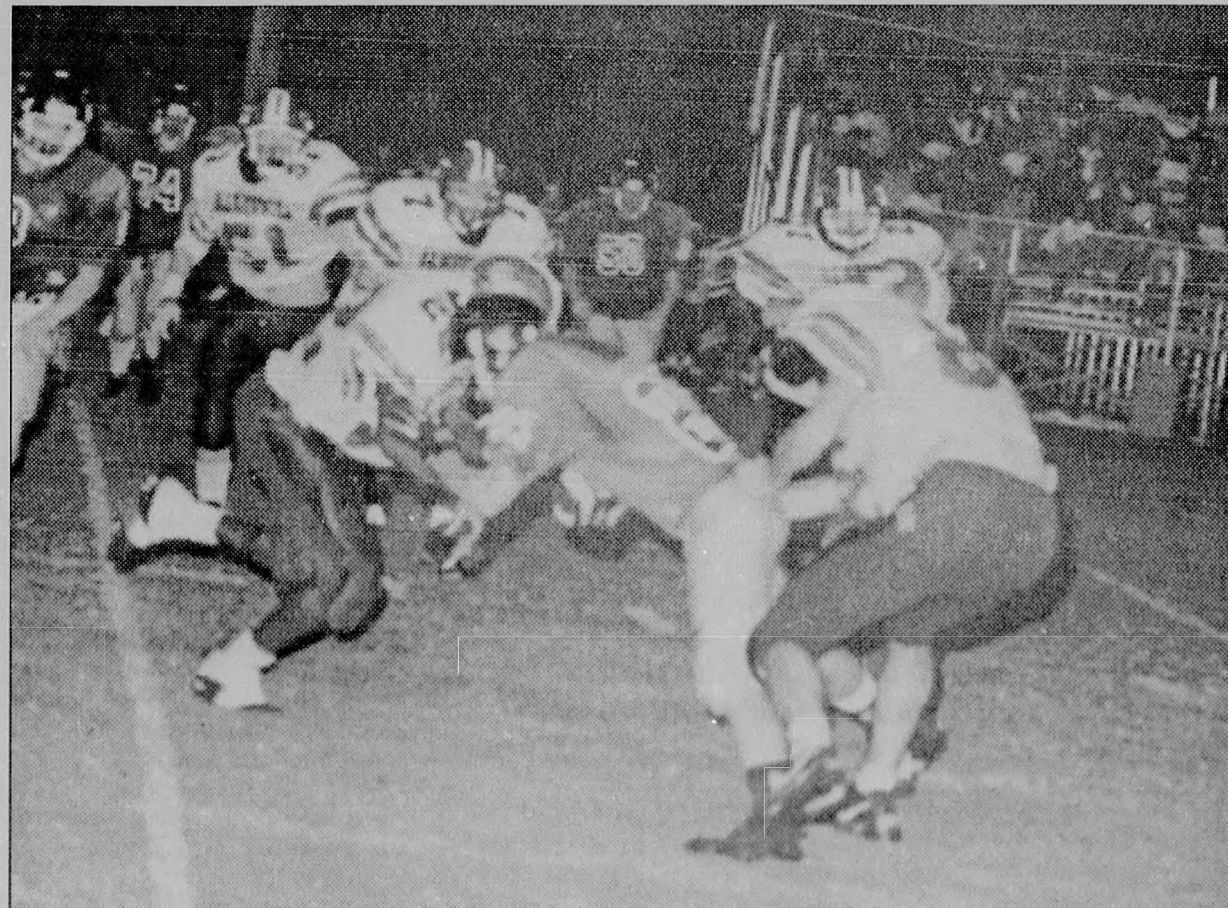
Kinston threatened on its next possession, as a long kickoff return by Ricky Morris and a penalty against the Rebels put the Bulldogs in business at the G.W. Long 40-yardline. The Bulldogs got as close as the Long 25, only to see a pass interception end the scoring threat.

G.W. Long added a late score on a 2-yard touchdown run by Brian Johnson, and tacked on the two-point conversion, to post the 32-6 victory.

The Bulldogs will meet a team that could be one of their toughest opponents this week when they make the trip down to Florida to battle the undefeated Florida Wildcats.



A Kinston Bulldog running back fights for extra yardage during action last week in the Bulldogs' 32-6 loss to G.W. Long. Friday night the Bulldogs will travel to Florida to do battle with the undefeated Florida Wildcats.



A Zion Chapel running back is stopped in his tracks by a pair of Gamecock defenders in the Gamecocks' 47-0 win over the Rebels Friday night, at Zion Chapel. The Gamecocks will travel to Samson this week, while the Rebels will enjoy an open date.

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Zion Chapel majorette Tara Grant (right) performed with the Zion Chapel Marching Band during half-time festivities last week.



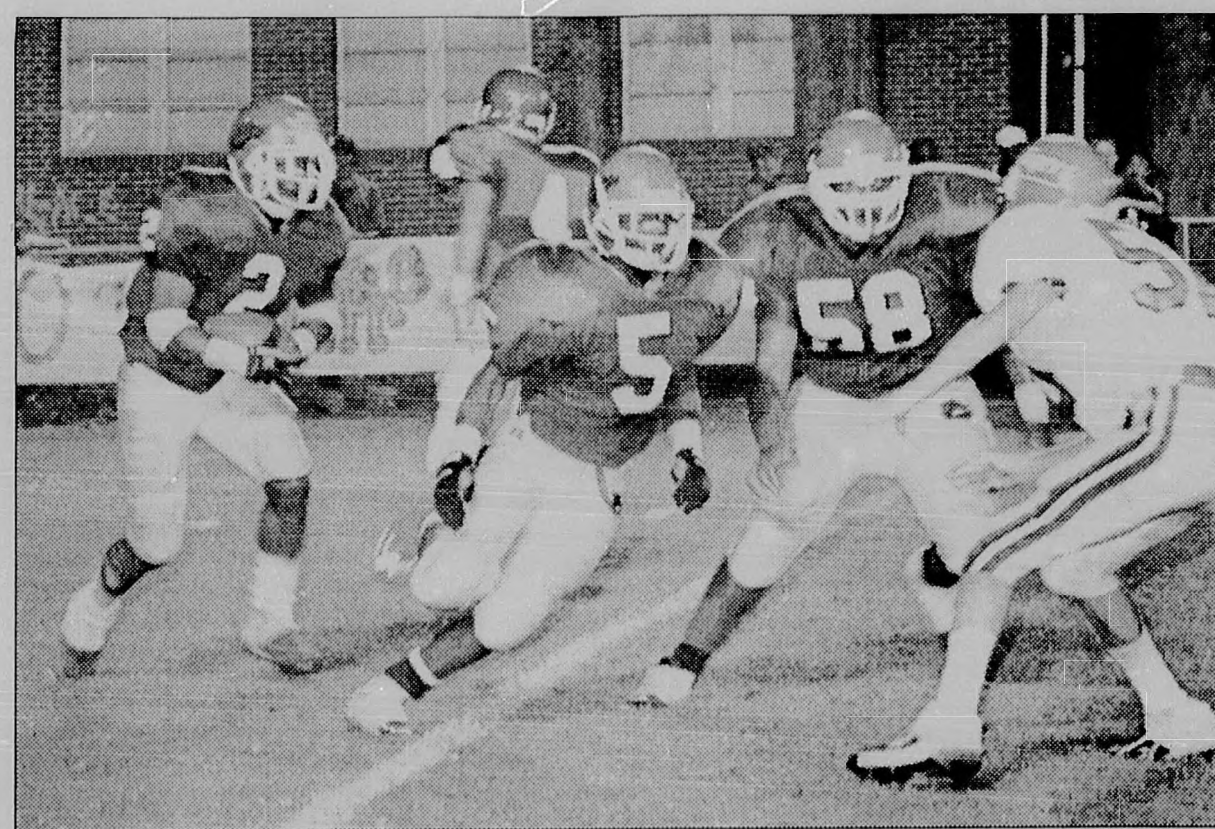
SPORTS

Brantley Bulldogs tripped by Luverne Tigers 12-6

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter



Brantley quarterback Andy Johnson (4) pitches to a trailing back in the Bulldogs' 12-6 loss last week to Luverne. Johnson and the Bulldogs will look to go 2-0 in Area 3 action Friday night when they host Frisco City.



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) follows the blocking of teammates Darrell Owens (5) and Rodney Wiley (58) during action Friday night against Luverne. Daniels gained 165 yards on 21 carries to lead the Bulldogs. Brantley will host Frisco City Friday night in a Class 1A, Area 3 contest.

Termite Tigers remain unbeaten in youth football league action

The Elba Youth Football League teams traveled to Straughn last weekend, with the Termite Tigers being the only Elba team to get a win. Following are highlights of the three games:

*** The (2-1) Midget Tigers saw Straughn score late to take a 12-8 win. The Tigers moved ahead 8-6 in the third quarter on a long scoring run by Don Rhoades, and a Rhoades pass for a two-point conversion, only to see Straughn score late to take the win. Also having a big game for Elba were Cordell Hooks and Dime Tison.

*** The (3-0) Termite Tigers scored in the fourth quarter to grab a 6-0 win over Straughn. The two teams battled to a 0-0 tie until late in the game, when Deymond Williams broke loose down the sidelines and raced into the endzone. Also having big games for Elba were Adam Henderson and Stetson Petty.

*** The (2-1) Pee Wee Tigers fell behind early and never threatened in a 28-0 loss to Straughn. Having a big game for the Tigers were Bradley Lane, Ryan Gibbs and Kelley.



1998 Brantley High School "Homecoming Court" included (l-r) Football Sweetheart Lashonda Cooper, Sophomore Attendee Jessica Smith, Senior Attendee Ashley Kidd, Homecoming Queen Stephanie Levens, Junior Attendee Amanda McGinty, Freshman Attendee Jessica Jones and Football Sweetheart Lacy Hudson.

Bo Daniels gained 165 yards on 21 carries to lead Brantley, while Rodney Lowery picked up 93 yards on 17 carries for the Tigers.

STATISTICS			
B	12	1st Downs	7
	43-208	Rushes-Yds.	31-109
	42	Passing Yds.	45
	250	Total Offense	154
	3	Fumbles Lost	3
	10-115	Penalties-Yds.	10-97
	87	Return Yds.	124
	6-35	Punts-Ave.	6-37

Elba to host 4-1 Geneva Panthers

Area teams face tough tests in week #6

The high school football season will enter its sixth week Friday night, and for teams in the area, it will bring with it four big games that carry extra importance as the teams begin their drive toward possible state playoff berths.

Following is a preview of this week's gridiron action:

GENEVA AT ELBA

The (0-4) Elba Tigers will still be trying to get into the win column for the first time this season Friday night when they host the high-scoring (4-1) Geneva Panthers. The Tigers remained winless last week with a 21-20 loss to unbeaten Geneva County, but have shown marked improvement every week of the season, and despite their disappointing record appear on course as they aim for their upcoming area match-ups. The Elba offense, led by junior quarterback Bradley Bowers, has become balanced in recent weeks, and is led on the ground by halfback Tony Burks and through the air by Bowers and Eric Jordan. The defense, which has allowed an average of over 30 points per game, is paced by the trio of Keni Mitchell, Derrick Duncan and Burks. Geneva, coached by former Elba Tiger, standout Leavy Boutwell, started the season slow with a loss to Geneva County 14-13 and a narrow win over Rehobeth 13-10, but has caught fire in the past three weeks and has posted lopsided wins over Staunton 54-6, Cottonwood 46-0 and Samson 41-7.

The Panthers' wing-t attack is sparked by Rafael Tyres, who rushed for 189 yards and set a Panther single-game scoring record with 28 points in the big win over Cottonwood. Geneva's Des Cox gives the Panthers a solid 1-2 punch on the ground, while quarterback Hunter Howell is also a threat through the airways. This game appears to be a blowout on paper; however, the Tigers will challenge the Panthers on the field, and not in the paper, and if the Tigers show continued improvement they could hang in there with the heavily-favored visitors from down the Pea River.

FRISCO CITY AT BRANTLEY
The (4-1) Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to all but lock up a state playoff berth Friday night when they host the (3-2) Frisco City Whippets, in a key Class 1A, Area 3 encounter. The Bulldogs suffered their first loss of the season last week at the hands of Luverne 12-6, and self-destructed as they were flagged for 10 penalties that totaled 115 yards. Brantley did show sparks on offense, mostly by Bo Daniels, and played well enough to win on defense. Frisco City will bring a high-scoring offense into the area clash and will be looking to put up high numbers against the Bulldog defense. The Whippets opened the season with wins over Excel 26-21 and J.F. Shields 54-22, then lost to Sweet Water 40-23 and Flomaton 34-18, before bouncing back last week with a 37-26 win over Goshen. The Whippets' offense has averaged almost 32 points per game; however, it has had to put points on the scoreboard, since the defense has allowed an average of just under 29 points a game. It should be an angry and determined group of Bulldogs that take the field Friday night, and if Brantley can slow down the Frisco City offense, it should be able to put points on the board against the porous Whippet defensive unit. This game will show a lot about the future of the Bulldogs in '98.

KINSTON AT FLORALA
The (0-5) Kinston Bulldogs will continue their battle against the state's top small school football powers Friday night when they head down to Florida to challenge the undefeated (5-0) Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs remained winless on the season last week with a 32-6 loss to G.W. Long, and continued to have problems on defense. The Kinston offense moved the ball at times behind the play of Bishop Edwards and Chaney Lashley; however, the "Dog defense couldn't slow down the opposition, as has been the case throughout the long victory drought. Florala will bring a perfect record into its "Homecoming" clash with the Bulldogs, and has defeated Red Level 47-22, Samson 30-6, Louisville 37-6, Georgiana 14-13 and Straughn 33-6. The 'Cats have speed to burn on both sides of the

NEW BROCKTON AT SAMSON
The (3-2) New Brockton Gamecocks will put their three-game winning streak on the line Friday night when they travel to Geneva County to battle the (1-4) Samson Tigers. The Gamecocks made it look easy last week in a 47-0 win over cross-county rival Zion Chapel, and are now running on all cylinders on offense, led on the ground by Lee Flowers and Jason McKenzie, and through the air by Kellen Cole, Pate Harrison and Charlie Driggers anchor the Brockton defense that has improved each and every week, and after suffering through a pair of season-opening defeats, the Gamecocks appear to be on a roll. Samson was expected to challenge for a playoff berth again this season, but the Tigers have been roughed up in the early going and have only a 40-20 win over winless Kinston on their side of the ledger after five weeks of play. The Tigers' losses have come to Slocomb 12-8, Florala 30-7, Geneva County 28-19 and Geneva 41-7. Samson has been struggling; however, the Tigers will fight hard to protect their home turf against the Gamecocks, and it will take another solid effort for New Brockton to leave town with the win.



BIG BASS... Earnest Williams shows off a big bass and a couple of crappie he caught Saturday morning in Nolin's pond, on Hwy 167. Williams was willing to tell his secrets and showed off the firetail black plastic worm he used to catch the bass. The crappie were caught with standard crappie gigs. One day last week he reported catching 65 crappie on one trip.

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO. PC-98-66

Sara Kathleen McDonald
TO: Sammy McDonald

September, 1998.

/s/William O. Gammill,
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama 1
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
ESTATE OF ROBBIE M. HOLLE

Letters of Administration of said estate of the deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of

/s/ Dwight Holley
Personal Representative

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CITY

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members a report of the extensive overtime put in by city employees immediately after the March flooding.

However, several scheduled capital expenditures show zero at this time. Levee improvement was scheduled for a \$50,000 city match. This was paid by state funds. City

Hall renovations are still ongoing and that \$40,000 has not been spent yet. Also showing zero is a \$40,000 matching grant for the recreation department. Adding in these three items would have given a true picture of the actual flood cost the Elba taxpayers.

Elba Nursing Home residents enjoyed a recent fishing trip to Coffee County Lake



The fishing was exciting and all the events of the outing were uplifting to all the participating nursing home residents



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ers was a "suggestion" by the auditors that county funds be deposited on a daily basis as they are received. They had made this suggestion with the stipulation "if it is feasible." The commissioners followed the auditors' recommendation. Funds will be deposited in the bank on a daily basis.

In line with financial matters, the commission also designated The Peoples Bank of Coffee County as its official depository of county funds. They once again offered the county the best "rates."

Engineer Tindell told commissioners that his department had received a very favorable inspection report from the ASI (Association of Self Insurers).

They stated, "The areas visited (county shop, etc.) during this tour were in outstanding shape. The tool-parts room was especially good." The inspection team also noted how (county highway department) employees were concerned with safety for themselves and others.

Tindell presented three items for commission action. They were: one - recommended commission issue a quit-claim deed to Kenny Lassiter for "former" right-of-way property on Co. Rd. 260; two - requested a resolution allowing the county to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the paving (providing of materials only) of Co. Rd. 711; and three - recommended that foremen taking "call" for the department be compensated with an additional six hours pay. The different foremen take call a week at the

time including the weekend. The commissioners approved all of Tindell's requests.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley informed members of the commission of a request received from DHR (Department of Human Resources). They were requesting that sick leave be increased from 12 to 13 days for the child-homemaker and JOBS case aide person. This is at no cost to the county (100% state funded) - just a policy change.

Commissioners opened annual bids for asphalt, prime, herbicide, fertilizer, lime, fuel, stone and traffic signs. The bids received on asphalt were \$24.98 and \$188.99 per ton respectively. Glen Heath Gulf Oil Company of Tuscaloosa, AL, was the low bidder on emulsified asphalt (CRS-2) at \$0.4865¢ per gallon. Gulf Coast Asphalt of Mobile received the bid on prime at \$67.74 per gallon. Coffee County Farm Co-op of Elba was the low bidder on lime and fertilizer. Their bids were \$24.98 and \$188.99 per ton respectively. Glen Heath Gulf Oil Company of Enterprise will supply the county's gasoline and fuel. They bid .013¢ per gallon below state bid on both fuel and gasoline. Southeast Materials will supply the county with crushed stone. Their bids on #7.8, #5.6 and class I and II rip-rap ranged from \$13.44 to \$15.94 per ton delivered to \$4.85 to \$5.99 per ton picked up.

The bids on traffic signs and herbicides will be awarded at the next meeting after the county engineer has reviewed each of the bids received.

The next commission meeting will be held Monday, October 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

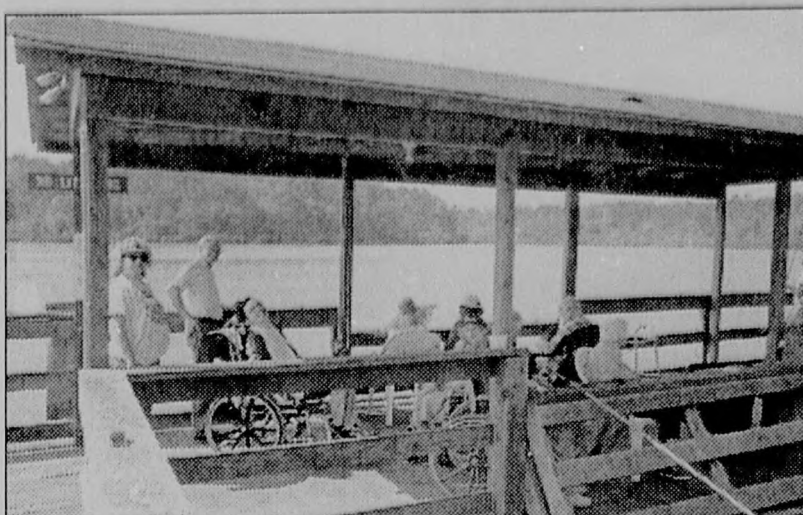
Other matters of business requiring action by the commissioners were as follows:

***Voted to change the evening meeting of the commission (fourth Monday of each month) back to 9 a.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. This will become effective Monday, October 26, following the end of daylight savings time, and will remain in effect until daylight savings time returns next year.

***Approved sending out bids for installation of computer wiring in the new Enterprise Courthouse.

***Voted to apply for industrial access funding for access road from the "cake factory" located on Co. Rd. 476.

***Followed Commissioner Tom Grimley's suggestion that IA (industrial access) funds be sought for the improvement of county property in and around the county health department for future development.



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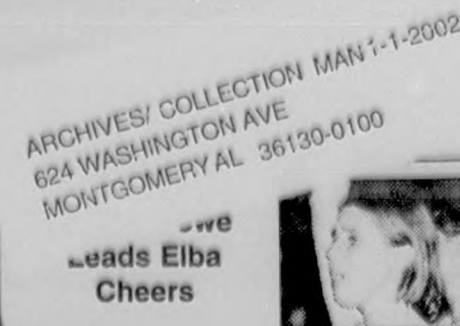
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Governor Fob James and Hurricane Georges comes a calling

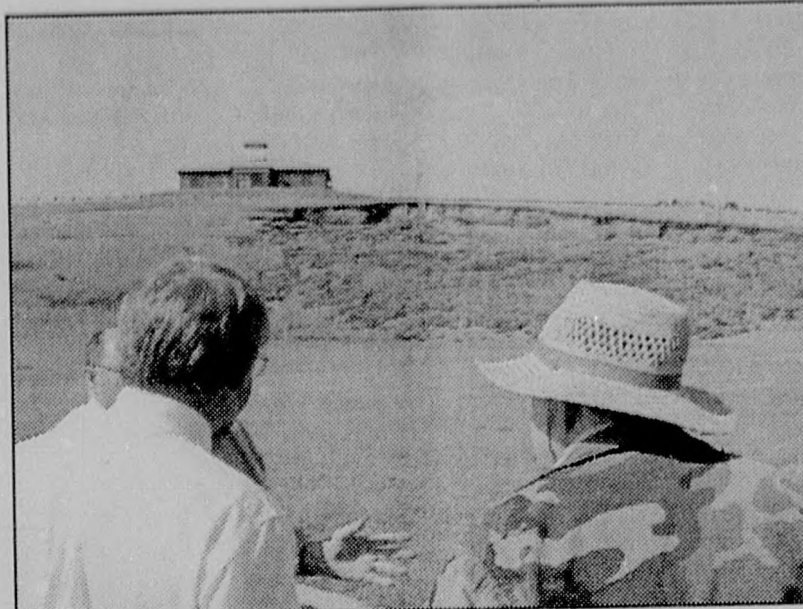
by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The last few months, Alabama's Governor Fob James, has been a regular visitor to Elba, Alabama. He was here again last Thursday for about thirty minutes "checking on the people of Elba and the levee."

Due to the heavy rains in the area brought on by Hurricane Georges (later down-graded to a tropical depression), the Pea River had risen and crested at 26.53 during the early hours (12:42 a.m.) Wednesday morning.

The governor was visiting sites in the Wiregrass damaged either by heavy rains, high winds and/or tornadoes produced by the tropical depression.

Governor James noted that the roles in flooding had been reversed from the ones in March. This time it was Geneva that had the greater threat from rising waters in the Pea and Choctawhatchee Rivers. Last



Superintendent of Elba City Schools Charles Pearce points out to Gov. James (right - in pea-pickin' hat) the landslide that's causing concern to school and city officials. The governor assured Pearce and other officials that this problem would get immediate attention.

time, Elba was threatened by the Pea River; however, the town was flooded when the portion of the levee restraining Beaver Dam Creek in the northwestern part of the city broke. This time the levee held and Elba suffered very little water damage.

Work done earlier on the city's drains and the clearing of the canal by National Guardsmen enabled the water produced by heavy downpours to drain off quickly. There was one or two sites where pumps had to be used just as a precaution and of course, the pumps in Putnam Street area were running at all times.

Gov. James also announced that federal aid for Alabama had been expanded to supplement the long term recovery of family and businesses in Coffee County crippled by Hurricane Georges' assault earlier this week.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Director James Lee Whitte said President

Clinton authorized the assistance under a major disaster declaration issued Thursday (Oct. 1).

The assistance, to be coordinated by FEMA, can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, minor home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance.

Additionally, the declaration provides funding for the county on a cost-shared basis for approved projects that reduce future disaster risks.

The telephone number to call for assistance is 1-800-462-9029. TTY for the hearing and speech impaired is 1-800-462-7585.

Local governments were already eligible for federal assistance to cover costs for emergency protec-

tive measures and debris removal under emergency declarations issued earlier in the week (Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 28 & 29).

The governor, during his brief stop, was taken to a landslide site on the grounds of the Elba City Schools. The lower side of the approach road to the high school was severely damaged by the heavy rains in March and school officials were in the process of letting the contract to repair it when Hurricane Georges came on the scene.

Heavy rains from the "tropical depression" created additional damage causing the integrity of the road to be threatened. Governor James instructed FEMA Director Lee Helms to assist city and school officials in letting this erosion problem addressed as quickly as possible.

The governor left Elba via helicopter to survey the storm damage in neighboring Covington County.

Adams seeking re-election to Alabama State Senate

Dwight Adams, Alabama State Senator since 1994, will be seeking re-election on Nov. 3.

Adams, an area resident since 1967, serves the 31st district, which includes all of Covington and Coffee Counties and parts of DeKalb and Houston Counties.

Sen. Adams received his BS degree from Troy State University in 1963 and taught high school while working on his MS degree at the University of Mississippi.

He taught chemistry at Enterprise State Junior College before his family opened their own furniture store in Dothan in 1969.

"Alabama's children should be able to master the basic 3-R's of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic," Adams said, and he supports legislation to give greater control over schools to local communities and set strict standards for both students and teachers to uphold.

Adams also thinks the state legislature should fight every unnecessary regulation... and "allow people to keep more of what they earn."

"My political philosophy can be summed up very simply," Adams said. "I examine a piece of legislation on the basis of whether or not it is pro-family."

He also states that he is "for the people having more voice in governing. All decisions that can be made at the local level should be."

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Abbreviated Farm-City Swap due to stormy weather

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Just prior to Hurricane (Tropical Depression) Georges' visit to Coffee County, a local farmer swapped places for a brief time with an Enterprise businessman.

The annual event takes place in connection with the celebration of Farm/City Week which is observed prior to Thanksgiving in November.

This year, Glenn Rhoades, a farmer in the Perry Store Community, traded places with Mike Root, an investment firm, for about six years. His wife, Molly, is a major in the U. S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Rucker.

The investment representative stated that he could relate to the farmer because "they were the original risk takers."

While in the "comfortable office"

Rhoades was afforded the opportunity to offer advice to a "potential investor." Nancy Jones, a loan officer from Citizen's Bank, was kind enough to join in the activities of the day.

Rhoades commented, "I believe I could get into this." His day nor-

After about an hour, Root and Rhoades loaded up and headed to the Perry Store Community to allow Root some "trade time."

Upon arriving at the farm, Root visited just a few of the more than 400 acres that Rhoades has under cultivation. He visited the peanut and cotton fields. Rhoades also deals in small grain and livestock. Glenn and his wife Peggy manage the farm with assistance from Glenn's father, W. H. Rhoades.

The overall visit to the farm was cut short due to the urgency of getting as many peanuts plowed up and baled cotton removed from the field as possible before Hurricane Georges came visiting.

Both Rhoades and Root commented that this annual event does a lot toward creating a better understanding between the farm and business communities. Nothing than be better than a "hands-on-experience."

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New Brockton approves \$9,000 budget increase

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its monthly meeting Monday night and approved the town's FY-99 Budget of \$308,728.00 which is just over \$9,000 more than last year's budget.

Councilman Ron McMonagle commented that the new budget includes a raise for the city clerk (25¢ per hour) and a projected two percent increase for all city employees later in the year. A possible pay increase for the chief of police was mentioned but no action was taken on the matter.

The council also approved the recommendation by Mayor Britt Lee that the accounting firm of Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson PC CPA's be retained to perform the town's annual audit.

Mayor Lee commented that the firm had given the town a better figure than in the past resulting in a

savings of about \$2,000.

A proclamation supporting Red Ribbon Week, October 23 through October 31, was adopted by the council. The purpose of the week is to participate in and encourage prevention activities relating to drug and alcohol abuse.

In the mayor's report of activities of the town, Lee noted that the road repair work caused by flooding in March had been slowed by recent heavy rains from Tropical depression Georges. In the fund recovery project, the mayor informed members of the council that \$500 out of \$750 had been received and deposited into the general fund.

Mayor Lee recognized Scott Tatom who is the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 22. He gave the council a report of the work that the Troop has been doing on the old Jr. Food Store that had been donated to the town.

Troop 22, sponsored by New Brockton First Baptist Church, has taken on the restoration of the building as their community service project.

Tatom told council members that phase one of the project, removal of the old roof down to the concrete panel, had been completed and phase two should be underway within the next two weeks. Phase two consists of pressure washing the old building, seal-coating the roof and putting a waterproof sealer on the outside of the building.

Phase three involves replacement of the front glass, and phase four, which will be started early next year, will be to renovate the interior of the building.

Tatom noted that several civic groups in the town have committed

to helping the Troop in completing the different phases of the renovation project.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department had responded to six complaints, made six arrests, issued 12 traffic citations, and investigated 5 accidents with no injuries. Fourteen dogs had been picked up and taken to the pound in Elba.

He reported that the rescue squad had made eight runs and the fire department had responded to three fires.

The next council meeting will be Monday, November 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

Other matters to come before the council consisted of the following:

***Voted to support a Community Christmas program being planned for December. The program will be no cost to the town except for a little labor in the preparation for the event. Councilman Charles Cole stated that the purpose of the event is to "get the community in the spirit."

***Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$24,262.46.

NOTICE

The Elba Police Department IS NOT SOLICITING any funds from area businesses or individuals to be used as promotional funds against drug and alcohol abuse. Anyone representing the police department or soliciting funds on their behalf should be reported to the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or 897-3881.